

Kountry Kids Learning Center

June 2008

Summer program begins!

On Monday, June 9 the summer program officially starts. Each day of the week will be planned with different activities. The staff will be holding summer Olympics on the last Friday of June, July, and August. There will be swimming on the playground for toddlers and infants, and there will be lots of water play.

We will also be gardening with the elders and neighbors, playing bingo, reading, going on library trips, and much, much more. There will be activities for all ages.

On Wednesdays the staff and children will leave the center at 9:30 a.m. and go to the park for a day of fun, and we will return to the center at 2 p.m. The staff will either cook hot dogs and hamburgers, or we can have lunches made by the kitchen staff. All of the food served will meet CACFP requirements.

New tables and chairs have been ordered for all rooms, and this will complete a phase for Qualistar requirements. There will be more changes for all rooms in the coming months. The playgrounds and preschool and infant rooms will take on a different look throughout our improvements.

Permission slips for field trips, bug spray, and sunscreen will be available for parents. If you have not received these forms, please ask your child's teacher or contact Myrna.

There will be new forms for all parents from the CACFP (Food Program) that will need to be completed. These will also be available at the center.

We plan on having lots of fun this summer, and we enjoy spending time with your children!

Infants to enjoy buggies, water play

The infant room is looking forward to having water play with the toddlers each Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer! We will also be riding in the Bye-Bye Buggies and enjoying many other summertime activities. We would like to wish Kree a happy birthday on June 14!

Once the toddler playground is completed, the infants will be spending more time outside. A new table and chairs have been ordered for our classroom, and there will be many upcoming changes to the arrangement and organization of the room.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer!



Ready, Set, Go! Children from KKLC participated in several activities held at Bent County HealthCare Center during National Nursing Home Week in May, including the wheelchair races.

Preschoolers plan summer activities

It is hard to believe that the school year is already over, and the summer program has begun! We will be going to the library each Monday, having water play at the center on Tuesdays, picnics and fun at the City Park each Wednesday, going to the swimming pool on Thursdays, and finishing the week out Friday with more water play.

Every last Friday of the month we will be doing summer Olympics with the children, and there will be many activities for the children to participate in. We will also be having a party at the end of each month to celebrate birthdays for that month.

For the month of June, we would like to wish Kacey (June 23), Trey (June 25), and Trinity (June 29) happy birthdays!

As the summer begins, we will need permission slips for fieldtrips, sunscreen, and bug spray from parents. Please remember to get the necessary forms turned in to your child's teacher!

Logo contest extended to June 30

Entries for the logo contest for the 15th Anniversary for KKLC will be accepted until June 30.

Anyone is welcome to design and submit a logo for the center, and the winning logo will be selected by the Parent Advisory Council.

The winner of the contest will receive \$50.



Amilee enjoys playtime with her friends at the learning center.

Toddlers plan busy month

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting summer! Along with swimming, picnicking, going to the park, and playing outdoors, we will be taking the toddlers for rides on the new Bye-Bye Buggies.

We would like to remind parents to bring their child a towel, swimsuit, extra clothes, swim diapers, sunscreen, and bug spray. Teachers will make sure the child's name is put on all their items.

We also plan to make some homemade treats this summer! It sounds fun and exciting, and we are looking forward to all our fun summer activities!

Parents reminded about summer needs

Staff members at KKLC would like to remind parents of several items that will be needed this summer. Please bring in items necessary for your child, and consider donating any items you no longer have use for.

Items needed this summer include wading pools, squirt bottles, water toys, towels, hats, shovels, buckets, outside toys, plants, gardening supplies, and any other fun summer items you think we could use.

Parents are also invited to volunteer to help with field trips. With many outings planned this summer, we appreciate all the help we can get!



Sun Safety Tips..

For Young Children:

- Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before going outside, and use sunscreen even on cloudy days. The SPF should be at least 15 and protect against UVA and UVB rays.

For Older Children:

- The first, and best, line of defense against the sun is covering up. Wear a hat with a three-inch brim or a bill facing forward, sunglasses (look for sunglasses that block 99-100% of ultraviolet rays), and cotton clothing with a tight weave.
- Stay in the shade whenever possible, and limit sun exposure during the peak intensity hours - between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or greater. Be sure to apply enough sunscreen - about one ounce per sitting for a young adult.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating.
- Use extra caution near water, snow, and sand as they reflect UV rays and may result in sunburn more quickly.



Happy Birthday!

Kree - June 14

Kacey - June 23

Trey - June 25

Trinity - June 29

June Celebrations

*Child Vision Awareness Month,
Dairy Month, National Rose Month*

5 - First Balloon Flight Anniversary

9-13 - National Flag Week

9 - Donald Duck's Birthday

14 - Flag Day

15 - Father's Day

20 - First Day of Summer

Take Your Dog to Work Day

24 - Celebration of the Senses Day

26 - National Handshake Day

28 - Great American Backyard Campout

June Music & Poems

Bubbles All Around Me

Sung to: My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean

The bubbles flew over the flowers.
The bubbles flew over the trees.
The bubbles flew over the grass.
So many bubbles, I see!

Bubbles, bubbles
As pretty as bubbles can be.
Bubbles, bubbles
Popping all around me!



Four Little Frogs

Have children act out the rhyme.

One little frog balancing
On a lily pad of green
He thought it was so much fun,
He called for another frog to come.

Two little frogs balancing
On a lily pad of green
They thought it was so much fun,
They called for another frog to come.

Three little frogs balancing
On a lily pad of green
They thought it was so much fun,
They called for another frog to come.

Four little frogs balancing
On a lily pad of green
They thought it was so much fun,
Until they sank into the mud!
Glub, glub, glub!



Five Big Bubbles

Five big bubbles floating all around.
Until one popped when it landed on the ground!

Four big bubbles floating high and free.
Until one popped when it landed in a tree!

Three big bubbles floating quiet as a mouse.
Until one popped when it landed on the house!

Two big bubbles floating down to land.
Until one popped when it landed in my hand!

One big bubble still floating in the air.
Until it popped when it landed in my hair!

Bubble Time!

Summertime is a great time for making bubbles. Children never seem to tire of blowing and watching them.

Learning from Bubbles

- * Discovering rainbows on big bubbles
- * Making bubbles of various sizes
- * Inventing new ways to make bubbles
- * Watching bubbles float and descend
- * Popping bubbles

Bubble Makers

- * Wire coat hangers formed into a circle
- * Plastic lids with the centers cut out
- * Plastic soda can holders
- * Tear out the bottom of a paper cup and dip the top rim into the solution and then blow through the bottom.
- * Tie 4-10 straws together, then dip them into the bubble solution and blow from the opposite end.

Making Bubbles

- * Buy or make some bubble solution.
Recipes - Mix 3/4 cup liquid soap with 1/4 cup glycerin (available at drug stores) and 2 quarts water in a large cake pan
OR - Mix up 1/4 cup Joy dishwashing detergent with 1/2 cup water. Add a few drops of food coloring, plus 1 teaspoon sugar. Let the solution set overnight.
 - * Have your child dip a bubble maker into the liquid and then wave it through the air.
- CAUTION: Be sure to supervise bubble play to help avoid bubble solution in the eyes.