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The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center

Message from the Center Director

Dear Davis Families –

As we prepare for the 4th of July holiday and a long weekend, we are once again reminded of how “different” things are for everyone right now. Please don’t let the lack of fireworks, parades, activities, etc. stop you from finding some fun things to do with your little ones this weekend; more than anything, they just enjoy spending time with you!

Summer programming at Davis also looks a lot “different” this year, however, I think the children are enjoying themselves and having a lot of fun. I know I enjoy watching their enthusiasm and excitement as they participate in the various activities that the teachers have planned. Kudos to our Davis teaching staff for planning so many fun activities to keep the children engaged and entertained!

Have a great 4th of July, stay safe and stay healthy -
Angie

Center Director

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Notes & Reminders

Breakfast– Breakfast is served at 8:15 each day for children under 2 and at 8:30 for children over 2. For healthy and safety reasons, if your child(ren) is not in attendance by 15 minutes after meal start time, they will not be served.

Water bottles– Water bottles are washed each day and need to remain at Davis. Please bring one that is dishwasher safe.

Lightweight Blankets– As we are washing blankets and sheet at Davis, please make sure that the blanket here is lighter weight.

Swimwear– Please remember to send swimsuit, water shoes, and a towel for your child so they can participate in water play.

Sunscreen Forms– If you have not already filled one out for your child, please see front office.

Birthday Treats– We can accept store bought, individually pre-packaged treats that will be sent home with the children (ie. Individual packages of goldfish crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, etc). Parents can then make the decision to serve the treat.

Important Dates:

Davis will be CLOSED on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Inservice Day– Davis will be CLOSED on Monday, August 31st. This is subject to change if Oshkosh Area School District changes their school year start date.



Rockin' Rollers Happy 4th of July! We will be painting some fireworks for the 4th. Sand play and water play are also on the agenda for this month. We hope everyone has a joyful and safe 4th of July!



Creepers *Time sure does fly, it's already July! As the weather continues to warm up, we will be spending more time outside so please dress your child appropriately. For the mornings that are cooler please leave a very light jacket. We will be having water play every Thursday!*

For the beginning of the month we will be focusing on the 4th of July! A few things we will be exploring are, the colors of the holiday, fireworks, and some ooey gooey oobleck! Towards the end of the month we will be exploring the beach and the ocean. We have lots of sensory play planned. For example, we will be making moon sand to play with seashells and pretend we are at the beach.

We are looking forward to another awesome month! Have a safe and fun holiday!

Sincerely,

Ms. Rachel and Ms. Hannah

Scooters Happy July Everyone! We can't believe we are already getting to the half way point of our summer...it has just been flying by! The kids, Ms. Cassie, and I are having a blast this summer getting to be outside and enjoying the weather. Please continue on bringing weather appropriate clothes for your child. Please remember we will be closed on July 3rd. Enjoy the time with your friends and families.



This month we will be talking about the themes: the 4th of July/ America, in which we will be focusing on the certain colors-red, white, and blue; Life on the Farm, in which we will be learning about the animals on the farm; and Ocean, in which we will learn about the different animals of the sea. The lesson plans are always posted on the parent board if you are curious to see what your child will be doing during each week.

Update: The Scooters have been helping out in taking care of our little garden outside! They can't wait to go outside each day and see how our seeds have been growing. They love to help Ms. Emmy water the plants. You can even start a garden of your own and have your kiddo(s) help out.

Happy 4th of July!

Wigglers Happy Summer!

July will bring with it warm and sunny days perfect for water play – thank you for bringing in swimsuits and water shoes so that we are ready to splash! We will also celebrate the fourth of July with plenty of red, white, and blue projects. We'll continue to build the rest of the Wiggler Room curriculum around all the wonderful summer sights and happenings. With summer in full bloom we remind you to update us on your attendance, if you have a vacation planned or just a day away from Davis Child Care please notify us so we don't accidentally call you on a planned vacation day. Communication activity: What's that sound? Turn off the television and other electronics and listen with your child to sounds around your home. Listen to the refrigerator motor, wind chimes, a clock ticking, or people talking. Ask your child to tell you what she hears. Try this at night. Listen for the night sounds of crickets, frogs, or cars beeping. Whisper to each other about what you hear.

Enjoy these wonderful days – they go by so quickly!

Miss Kelly and Miss Debby



Troopers Happy July, Trooper family!

During the month of June, the Troopers have really enjoyed getting into a new routine. We have enjoyed our walks to the Koi Pond and seeing the ducks on many occasions. We are still working hard on potty training with many friends, and encourage all families, who have not already done so, to bring in underwear. As our friends are seeing more of their friends using the bathroom, those that are still in pull-up are getting more excited to sit on the potty. We would like to welcome Ms. Mya to our classroom. Ms. Mya has been joining us in the afternoons. The Troopers would also like to wish the best of luck to those of our friends who have graduated to the Hopper Room. We look forward to seeing you in the hallway and on the playground.

July will be dedicated to Beach Life, and Oceans. During this month we will learn about sand, the sea (water and water transportation), and sea life. Our Trooper classroom will explore different textures that can be found on the beach, as well as learning about different marine life. We will also look into what types of boats can be found on the Ocean. What is beach life play without building a sand castle? On Thursdays, our water day, we will be working with sand and water tables and building different structures out of sand. We will also be playing with boats in the water. While at home, continue working on counting and colors, both of which are in our weekly lessons. One new skill to try is cutting paper (we are working on this skill weekly).

The warm weather is here... We will be sending home swimming suits, towels and water shoes weekly to get washed. Please make sure that these items are brought back to the center every week to ensure that we have proper clothing for water play. Many of the children have showed interest in Sun Hats for outside play, so if you have a hat to spare at home, please send it to school for your child's outdoor activities. Thank you all so much for your participation in the classroom. Have a safe and Happy July. -The Troopers

Hoppers

Happy Birthday America! Summer has started and we are having fun enjoying the sun and having water activities with the Snappers and Sparklers on Wednesday mornings. Also, very excited to use our outdoor classroom on Monday mornings. The Hoppers will continue to help take care of our garden and help pick our fruits and vegetable for Chef Doug. So far we have been picking our strawberries and are very excited to try them with our lunch.

This month our themes will be: "Happy Birthday America", "Under the Sea/Beach", and "Up in the Air".

Summer is a time to enjoy oneself and have fun! The Hopper room will continue to learn together, but we will be using the outdoors to help us learn and have fun. Thanks for all you do!

Ms. Diane



Sparklers

Happy 4 of July! The summer is flying by so fast. Since Omro pool is closed for the summer and we still don't know about field trips. I am planning fun activities for the Sparklers. For July we will be going in the learning garden on Monday, Tuesday is a walking day to look and listen to nature, Wednesday is sprinkler day (please wash they suits and bring back before the next Wed.), Thursday will be a free day, and Friday are bike days. These days can change do to weather. In the Sparkler room I have been helping them with the skills and tools that they will need for the Ranger room. We are always working on using our words, being helpful not hurtful, working together, and listening to our friends. The books that I read to them help with these skills such as, Tucker the Turtle, Bear Learns How to Share, Puppy Learns to Say Please, Kitten Learns to Listen, and Hamster Learns to Help. These books show them and talk to them about what we should and should not do. Fine motor is always a skill we are working on. One way to do this at home would be to make a necklace. You could use fruit loops, beads, or any other materials you have at home yarn or string would work. This activity will help with the pinching grip fingers which is good for holding a pencil. We will be learning about the 4th of July, camping, and the zoo. It is going to be a great month and I cannot wait to get started.



Snappers

Summer is in full swing! We are enjoying weekly sprinkler days, and are excited to add the outdoor classroom to our rotation! Nature is its own learning environment, we like making new connections and using things in different ways.

Our themes this month will be the 4th of July, Ice Cream, the Beach/Ocean, and the Zoo. We will continue to weed and learn about our Davis gardens as we wait for their goodies to grow. We've already picked strawberries, and we notice the leaves have gotten bigger on our other plants! We're great gardeners! We just found sprouts in our playground tote garden!

Something to work on this month is more cutting! Planning a family trip to a museum or zoo over a weekend? Have children cut out squares for the animals or paintings and draw on them! Create a mural, which will help them work on their pencil grip as well!

A reminder that swim items need to go home every Friday (or Thursday if you do not attend Fridays) to be cleaned and returned every Monday. Thank you for your cooperation. While we typically have our water days on Wednesdays, if it is supposed to rain or we want to change it up, we may go on a different day (maybe even more than once in the week!)

Have a great summer!

Rangers Happy Birthday America!!!!

The Ranger room has been having a fun filled start to Camp Ranger with our daily special activities. We have especially enjoyed all the fun and delicious cooking projects we get to create and eat. We are enjoying getting outside and exploring the nature trails near Davis, as well as, learning about several trails that are close to the Oshkosh area. Be sure to check out the Davis Facebook page for the all Rangers adventures and what we are learning about in the classroom.

During the month of July some of the themes that the Rangers will be learning about are Celebration of the USA, Let's Have a Picnic, Transportation, Let's Take a Vacation, and Down on the Farm.

Now that the warm weather is starting to stick around we would kindly like to remind our families to make sure your child's cubby is stocked with weather appropriate extra clothing and that the clothes fit your child. If possible please leave a light jacket/sweat shirt at school because the morning air can be a little cool and a water bottle. We would like to, also, remind families that your child should be wearing shoes that they are able to run in safely; **NO** opened toed shoes please.

Summer Camp

Hello families! The summer adventures continue. We've had a great first month, and July will bring us new topics to learn about. We will be celebrating the 4th of July with fun activities for the short week. After that we will move on to learn about beaches and coral reefs, garden animals that crawl and fly, the human body, and some more chemistry, this time focused on lemons. In our classroom, we are working on completing our reward puzzle to earn a class voted treat of a pajama, movie, and popcorn day. Hopefully the weather will be a little less rainy so we can continue to enjoy our time outside! We are also looking forward to the first of the summer field trips. We'll keep on exploring as we go!



Continued Birth to 3 Program Services During COVID-19

Constant support through uncertain times

While families across Wisconsin face uncertainties during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, young children with delays or disabilities are still in need of support. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Birth to 3 Program is here to support children and their families through this public health emergency.

Continue referring families to the Birth to 3 Program

It is critical now more than ever for families and doctors or others who work with Wisconsin families to take notice of developmental concerns in young children. While families and health care providers work together to make sure children see their doctors, the Birth to 3 Program remains open to receive referrals and provide, or start, services.

Families, doctors, and other health and child care professionals should continue to refer any child they have concerns about to the Birth to 3 Program. They can also refer children that have been diagnosed with a delay or disability, as they are likely eligible for services through the Birth to 3 Program.

To refer a child, contact the local Birth to 3 Program in the family's county. You can find contact information at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/contacts.htm.

We are here to support you

The Birth to 3 Program is here to help children grow and learn to their fullest potential.

DHS and local county Birth to 3 Programs continue to provide services to children and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Local Birth to 3 Programs are working with families to come up with creative ways to stay in touch to continue, or start, services. Even when in-person contact isn't possible, services are being delivered over the phone and through video and web based applications and platforms.

To learn more about the Birth to 3 Program, visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/index.htm.



The Birth to 3 Program is a federally mandated Early Intervention program to support families of children under the age of 3 with developmental delays or disabilities. The program's goal is to help children learn and grow to their fullest potential.



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