Director’s Corner

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the 2015 Graduates and children of Binghamton University. I have always admired how families (particularly the students) balance college, work and being a parent(s) actively involved in their children’s lives. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. We would love to see you all again whenever you can!

What a wonderful Teacher Appreciation week was had by all. I would like to thank the parents for all of the teacher acknowledgments that created a beautiful bulletin board as well as the breakfast pizza from Nirchis, a wonderful lunch from Moe's and the pretty petunias for each of the teachers! Thank you to the Board of Directors for the breakfast from Panera also!

Here are a few fun leaning activities for the summer:

• Count the seeds while you eat watermelon
• Count the stairs as you walk up and down
• Read stories outside under a tree
• Go to the library story hour
• Have a play date and invite one of your child’s friends over to play
• Make play dough with your child
• Sing familiar songs in the car
• Do cooking activities together (cookies, pizza)
• Hidden Letters--Build observation skills by asking your child to look for letters of the alphabet on boxes, cans of food and household supplies
• Disappearing Letters--Promote creativity and build muscle control with a pail of water and a brush
• On a warm day, take your child outside to the sidewalk and encourage them to write the alphabet or letters of their name.

Most of all HAVE FUN Together!

Have a wonderful summer and thanks for sharing your children with us!

Tonya Rivera
Executive Director

Thank you to Kat D’Andrea for compiling the DVD’s, DVD’s are coming soon! Watch your parent folder for them!
Wee Bear News

The Wee Bears are loving it outside. We have been watching everything grow, noticing things that are flying (bugs, birds, butterflies) and becoming sweaty little bodies in the sunshine.

As Summer arrives, we say goodbye to Woody for the Summer. We will see him in the fall semester.

We will continue to need light blankets for naptime as the air conditioning can make it cool. We will be watering and caring for our garden, learning about insects, and doing water play outside. The children should have extra summer clothes in their tub, as well as a light sweater/jacket for cool days. You can provide a swimsuit and towel for outside water play, as well as water shoes if you would like.

Please take note of our policy for shoes to play outside—closed toe and heel sturdy shoes/sneakers.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Kelly Louise Nicole

Pooh Bear News

We can’t believe it’s already June! Please take a moment to clean out your child’s bin and make sure they have appropriate changes of clothes for the weather. We will be learning about some exciting topics, including dinosaurs and butterflies! We have enjoyed spending lots of time outside, and hope the weather allows us to continue to do so. We also want to welcome Ms. Phyllis to our room! She will be working 11:30—5:30 during our school-day. We are excited to have her!

Kait, Michelle, Phyllis

Bear Cub News

The Bear Cubs have been spending more time outdoors and enjoying every minute of it! In June we will be doing lots of summer related activities and of course working on special gifts for our dads.

I’m sure you know how busy your toddlers are, and that they can keep you very engaged. Some ideas for them to be able to expend some of their energy and build up their large motor skills are:

- Give your toddlers lots of time for unstructured physical activities, including trips to a variety of places, such as playgrounds (which provide a variety of opportunities to crawl around, climb and balance on equipment).
- Play with a soft inflatable ball, throwing it back and forth
- Blow bubbles and chase them around
- Dig in a pile of dirt with old spoons or child-sized shovels
- Have messy play with a garden hose or sprinklers
- Use riding toys, scooters, push toys, large building blocks, cardboard boxes, trucks, doll strollers, or toy lawn mowers—all of these allow your child to move with a purpose. Have fun with your children and then relax!

Happy birthday to Alina on June 10th, and Hannah on June 27th! Enjoy your 3rd birthday!

We want to say goodbye to Zohie. She will be spending the summer months with her family, enjoy!

Finally, a special “Thank you” to all the parents for a very pleasant Teacher Appreciation week! It was very thoughtful of all of you. We would not be here without all of you!

Happy June!

Chris
Jamie
Sarah

Honey Bear News

JUNE IS HERE!!! It’s hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. We have enjoyed the year so much with the children and your families.

The last month has been so exciting, learning about tadpoles, and watching the chicks grow. The children loved naming the chicks, holding them and watching them triple in size!

We would like to thank the Haislips’ for the toy donations. The children got so excited with the puzzles and games. We wish them all the best with their move to Texas.

There are lots of activities planned for June. The Honey Bears will be getting ready for Father’s Day, exploring growing plants, and diving into “Summertime” fun.

With summer comes lots of sun (we hope). Thank you parents so much for lathering up the children up with sunscreen in the morning. It is a great help to us!

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Claire
Brenda
Jessica
TEDDY BEAR NEWS

Wow, we can’t believe it is the end of the year already! We have enjoyed getting to know you and your children. It is exciting to see how much they have grown and matured throughout the year.

We would like to thank all of you for your help and support throughout the year. We appreciate your help and it has benefitted all of the children. We hope you all have a wonderful summer and wish the best to all of you in your future adventures.

In June I will be doing end of the year conferences. If you would like to meet, I will have a sign-up sheet posted.

It’s been a great year!!
Happy Summer!

Gabe, Michele and Renee

PANDA BEAR NEWS

My oh my! I can’t believe another year has come to an end. As we wrap up the school year, we would like to thank you for an amazing year—it has been wonderful getting to know all of you!

Our artist study was a huge success! Thanks to Henry’s mom, Celia’s mom, and Miss Kat for taking the time to come in and do art lessons with us! We had a blast learning, exploring and creating!

We enjoyed watching our tadpoles grow and were sad to release them into the creek. We had the special privilege of welcoming Slippers the Salamander into our classroom for a visit. We enjoyed watching him swim around the tank—he was fun to watch! Thanks to the Boumans for bringing him to us!

SAVE THE DATE—Our end of the year Ice Cream Party and Graduation Ceremony is Friday, June 26th at 3PM on the CPS playground. We have had a fabulous year and wish you all the best in Kindergarten and beyond!

Happy Birthday to: Bilal (17th), Henry (July 4th), Harper (July 16th), Elias (July 28th), Eliana & Eliora (July 29th), and Willa (August 23rd).

Have a great summer, we will miss you!
Stacy and Julie

GRIZZLY BEAR NEWS

Happy Summer! This year has gone by fast! We had a lot of fun in May. Our theme was “Growing And Changing.” The Grizzlies learned about the frog life cycle. They really enjoyed watching the tadpoles transform into frogs. We wished the frogs well as we watched them swim away at the creek. The children had fun creating flower bouquets for their special mommies. Hope all of our Grizzly Moms had a wonderful Mother’s Day!

Wow, June is already here! We will be finishing “The Butterfly Cycle” and moving on to “How Plants Grow.” We have many craft projects to help us learn more about butterflies and plants. We also will be kicking off this month on the right foot by promoting health awareness. The Grizzlies will learn the importance of staying healthy through discussions about eating healthy foods, exercising, brushing our teeth and hand washing, etc.

The end of the month is bitter sweet as we say goodbye to many of our Grizzly friends. We wish you all good luck in Kindergarten! We will truly miss you! :

Important Event: Graduation Ceremony will be this month. There will be a letter in your mailbox with further information.

Happy Birthday to Devin—June 25th!
Love, Miss Miranda

POLAR BEAR NEWS

Our Year was full of new experiences, new lessons, and new friends. Each child in the Polar Bear Classroom has grown so much throughout this school year (both literally and figuratively). Some children can now write their name, some can now successfully cross the monkey bars, and some can now better handle social situations. No matter what the specifics are, each child can now do something that they could not do nine months ago. This growth is important to both recognize and to verbalize. When parents and other adults verbalize accomplishments a child has made (no matter how significant) it helps to give that child the confidence they need try something else that they have not yet mastered. Having that confidence to try new things is a large factor of being able to grow and conquer milestones throughout our lives. It is empowering to know that as a parent or other influential adult in a child’s life, that you have the power to create that confidence with simple words of recognition!

We want to extend a huge Thank You to you, the parents and caregivers, for your part in creating a successful year! All of your help with driving us to our field trip destinations, coming in to teach us new things, or even just making sure we had nutritious and delicious snacks, all help to make our year a success! We hope you have a great summer and best of luck next year!

Nicky and Carolyn
Thank you for making our Teacher Appreciation week so special! We enjoyed being pampered throughout the week with a special breakfast, luncheon, and flowers! Thank you to all who contributed in making our week special, especially our parents who share their children with us every day.

From: C.P.S. TEACHERS

CPS will be **closed** JULY 3RD In observance of July 4th

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Summer Session will be July 6th through August 14th

Here are some Summer snack ideas....
- frozen yogurt/ juice pops, seasonal fruits, berries, melons, and veggies

STUDENTS

For students applying for Block Grant Funding for Fall 2015, please let us know what your Summer address will be so we can contact you when the new applications are available. Changes in funding and eligibility requirements have yet to be announced.

PREPARE FOR THE OUTDOORS

As we begin to take full advantage of the outdoors, we suggest as a courtesy that you take time to prepare for what you might encounter during your outings.

1. Sunshine - hat, sunscreen & drinking water
2. Mosquitoes & gnats — bug spray

When your family’s and pets’ activities commonly include playing, walking and hiking in brushy, wooded areas, or tall grassy fields, **ticks can be a factor**.

3. **Ticks** – you may want to conduct daily tick checks (they look like freckles).

Remember to keep an eye on your pets too!

Reminder

The last day of the Spring Semester for the 10 month calendar is **July 2nd, 2015**