Director’s Corner

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the 2014 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. I hope to see you again one day!

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. Thank you to the Board of Directors for the most appreciated staff luncheon from Panera.

We still have Four Year Old openings for the Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling their 4 year old for the fall, please have them call the Office at 777-2695.

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

Peg Smith
Executive Director

Thank you to Stacy Paradiso for compiling the DVD’s,

DVD’s are coming soon!
Watch your parent folder for them!
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. Please send in a water bottle/sippy cup to use for water on the playground.

As Summer arrives, we say goodbye to Alice and Ian for the Summer. We will see them 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 frogs and 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 note that our policy for shoes to play outside-closed toe and heel sturdy shoes/sneakers. There is a sign-up sheet for parent/teacher conferences in our room next to the snack sign up.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Kelly Louise Sue

Wow, can you believe it is already June?!? The Pooh Bears have been enjoying getting to know Sara and adjusting well to having her here! We’ve also been intrigued by how our tadpoles have changed in the past few weeks.

This month we will be learning about caterpillars, and butterflies. We will actually raise caterpillars and observe them as they grow.

We will also be working on a special project for our Dads for Father’s Day. With Summer finally here on June 21st, we will spend time reading about Summer and start bringing our activities outside!

*Please let us know upon arrival if you have already applied sunscreen on your child. Thank you!

Alisha Meghan Sara

June brings Summertime and hopefully lots of nice weather. We have been spending more time outdoors and enjoying every minute of it. We will be taking walks on campus, observing our tadpoles turning into frogs, and working on special gifts for our Dad!

According to the Journal of Pediatrics Health Care, preschoolers are busy learning skills to master not only their physical world, but also themselves. Preschoolers should accumulate 60 minutes of daily structured physical activity and engage in at least 60 minutes and up to several hours of unstructured activity daily. Activity frequently occurs in bursts with short episodes of quiet. It is crucial that preschoolers develop competence in movement skills, which are the basis for more complex movement tasks later in life.

Your growing toddler keeps you going! It seems like there is hardly a moment that he is not climbing, running, hopping, and jumping. This is good for him. Some ideas for them to be able to expel some of this energy and build on these skills are:

- Give your toddler lots of time for unstructured physical activity, including trips to a variety of places, such as playgrounds that provide children the opportunity to crawl around structures, climb, and balance on equipment.
- Play with a soft inflatable ball, chasing bubbles or digging in the soil with spoons/shovels which are easy activities that children love.
- Have messy play with a garden hose, or sprinklers.
- Purchase riding toys, scooters, push toys, large building blocks, cardboard boxes, trucks, doll strollers, or toy lawn mowers.

We also want to wish Happy Birthday to: Hayden on June 1st, Alex on June 25th, and Lucy on June 27th. They will all turn 3! Happy Birthday to all of them!

Finally, we said goodbye to Alex and Kennedy. Alex will be home with his Mom, and Kennedy and her family will be moving to North Carolina. The best of luck to them. Have a safe and fun filled Summer.

Chris Sheila Jamie

JUNE IS HERE!!! Countdown to SUMMER! It is hard to believe the school year is coming to an end. The children have really grown and are ready for the summer and the year ahead.

The last month has been so exciting with learning about Tadpoles and watching them grow. The children are really excited about seeing them turn into frogs. We have also been exploring bugs and go on bug hunts almost every day.

We still have a lot of fun activities planned as the weather gets warmer. We will explore growing plants and talk about gardens at home as well as school. We are getting ready for Father’s Day, beginning to celebrate summer and all of it’s great things and we are planning an end of the year “beach party.” Stay tuned for more information.

With Summer comes a lot of SUN! Please be sure to apply sunscreen to your child’s skin in the morning before they are dropped off. We will apply again for the children that stay all day and go back outside. SNEAKERS are so important for safety on the playground. Please make sure you send sneakers everyday if they are not already on their feet.

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Tina, Scott, and Brenda
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. If the dates and times are not convenient, please see me and we can make other arrangements.

Your children will be working hard to get ready for our Parent Breakfast which will be held on Friday, June 13th. More details to follow.

Have a great Summer!

Gabe
Michele
Renee

My, how the year has flown by! As we wrap up the school year, we would like to say it’s been great getting to know all of you!

The Pandas wait with great anticipation for our tadpoles to turn into frogs. We can’t wait to see them grow legs and jump. We will then release them back to the great outdoors.

SAVE THE DATE!! Friday, June 13th will be our End of the Year Breakfast. We will need some assistance, so be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet!

We would like to send out some Happy Birthday wishes to Zooey on June 6th, Sayeh on July 29th, and Alex on July 7th!!!

Happy Summer! Best of luck to you all in Kindergarten!

Claire & Stacy

Happy Summer! This year has gone by fast! We had a lot of fun in May. Thankfully the weather has finally started to cooperate! In the days ahead, we look forward to hot summer days! Make sure your child has a new sunscreen form in and sunscreen in the classroom. We will also be partaking in water play as the days turn hot. So make sure your child has a bathing suit, towel, and water shoes.

May was full of fun. Making our Mother’s Day gifts was great fun. We also learned about taking care of flowers and learning how they grow. We have started our trip around the world with learning about Rain Forests and Hawaii.

In June we will continue our world tour with Africa, India, and the Ocean. We are also planning our end of the year party on June 27th. Details will follow soon!

We also want to give a warm welcome to Miss Miranda! We are very happy to have her joining the Grizzly Class. We also want to thank Miss Kristy for all of her help over the last three months.

Thank you to everyone for such an amazing year!

Miss Kat & Miss Kristy

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 9 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 to 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 wish you, the parents and caregivers, a huge Thank You 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 something new, or even just making sure our snack was here and nutritious, all help to make our year a success! We hope you have a great summer and best of luck next year!

Nicky, Carolina & Andi
Reminder
The last day of the
Spring Semester
for the 10 month calendar
is 
June 27th

CPS will be closed
from June 30th-July 4th

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Summer Session
will be
July 7th through August 8th

STUDENTS
For students applying for Block Grant Funding for Fall, please let us know what your Summer address will be.

Reductions in funding and eligibility requirements have yet to be announced.

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

Congrats to the CPS Carnival Basket Raffle Winners!
Hatala Family
Hugo Craver
Everett Benjamin
Claire Horn

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 & nasty knats - bug spray

When you and your children 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!

Happy Birthday to:
Janet Reuscher 6/5