



CHILD CARE CHRONICLE

June/July 2015

Reminder! **ECCC will be CLOSED on July 3 in observance of Independence Day.** Enjoy your weekend with your family!

Mark your calendars!

Kids Rock, a FREE concert to benefit Elizabethtown Child Care Center, is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2015 at the Elizabethtown Borough Park and will feature Elizabethtown-area rock band, Man on the Moon. The concert will run from 7-9 pm, and will feature both originals and covers. During intermission, children from ECCC will perform under the direction of Mrs. Rodgers as well!

If you or your company might be interested in sponsorship of this event, there are 3 different levels of sponsorship available: Gold Record Sponsor, Platinum Record Sponsor, and Diamond Record Sponsor. Your sponsorship will promote your business while supporting families and children in the Elizabethtown area. Please contact Allyson for more information at acook@etownchildcare.org or 361-9824.

Masonic Villages' Orchard 2 Office program makes it quick and easy for families to purchase local produce every week. Place your order by Sunday at 5pm and you can pick up your box on Wednesday at ECCC in Fellowship Hall. You can go to www.mvfarmmarket.com to place an order, or stop in our office for more details.

Please let the office know about any vacation days you plan to take this summer! This will help with staff and classroom event planning.

Please remember to exercise caution when driving in the parking lot. Slow down and watch for children, parents, and other cars. Be sure to park in a white lined parking space and turn off your engine.

Summer Program begins Monday, June 8!
Here are a few notes/reminders:

Our sunscreen application policy:

- Please apply the first coat of sunscreen at home. We will reapply later in the day
- If you want us to reapply sunscreen to your child, please send in a bottle labeled with your child's name that can be kept in his/her classroom. Sunscreen should contain UVA AND UVB protection, with an SPF of 15 or higher.
- Please do not send in sunscreen with insect repellent included in the ingredients. We need a doctor's note to apply insect repellent and may only do so once per day. Without significant risk of insect-borne disease, the use of chemical repellents may present a health risk to children.

Children must wear appropriate footwear for climbing and outdoor play. Sneakers are the most appropriate. Sandals, jellies, and shoes with an elevated heel may be dangerous. In order for toddlers and preschoolers to use the climbing equipment, sandals must have a rubber sole, be closed at both the heel and the toe, and remain on their foot. Older children may climb with sandals that have rubber soles, a back strap, and remain on their foot. Flip flops are not permitted to be worn daily, they may only be worn during outdoor water play time on splash days. If a child is wearing inappropriate shoes, a parent will be called to bring another pair.

We are glad that your child will be at ECCC this summer! We're looking forward to a fun summer of learning and memory making!



Inchworm News

Early June to Mid July 2015

May Recap

In May, we enjoyed activities relating to plants and flowers. We read books about plants, looked at and smelled flowers on our walks outside, and pretended to be seeds sprouting and growing into flowers.

Personal Achievements

Cora has taken steps independently in the classroom, and is becoming a good napper. She likes to play with the shape sorters and is very good at getting the shapes into the correct holes. Another favorite activity is playing chase with her friends in the classroom.

Reed is beginning to walk and has begun saying some words. He loves mealtimes and plying on the playground. When we can't go outside, Reed likes to play in the tunnel in the classroom with the other babies.

Oliver is beginning to stand independently and has become a very efficient cruiser. He likes to play with the pop-up toys, and in the playhouses on the playground. Oliver spends a lot of time looking at books, and often asks the teachers to read Miss Spider's Tea Party to him.

Nola has mastered the art of cruising and is quite a climber. She likes to play in the kitchen and with the people and animals. Nola also spends a lot of time in the book corner. She enjoys mealtimes, especially snack since she gets to feed herself finger foods.

Peyton has mastered rolling over and is beginning to scoot backwards. She pivots 360 degrees on her tummy to watch the other children and to reach toys that she wants to explore. She has started eating cereal and is very close to sitting up independently. Peyton likes to sit in a boppy pillow in front of a mirror and explore rattle and other toys.

Avery continues to be a very happy baby and is becoming more verbal. He enjoys tummy time, sitting up, being talked to, and is beginning to laugh. He is becoming acquainted with the other children and likes to share the play gym mat with Peyton. Avery has discovered that his thumb is quite tasty.

Special Dates: Oliver will turn one year old on June 11! Happy Birthday, Oliver!

Looking ahead

In June we will study bugs. We will spend time outside looking at bugs, read books and sing songs about bugs. In July we will study summer. We will be saying goodbye to Cora and Reed in June. Cora will spend the summer at home with her family and Reed will be moving to the Fireflies room. We will miss you both! We are eager to meet Hudson and Harper in the beginning of June when they join us in the Inchworms room. Welcome, Hudson and Harper!



The Inchworm Staff—
Miss Chris, Miss Sherri, and Miss Lynn



Firefly News

Hi and welcome to the Firefly group. I have just a few things to remind you of. First please label everything you bring to the center. Second splash days are on every other Friday. Please check the calendar. Your child will need a suit, water shoes or shoes that can get wet, and a towel. We will be supplying a water bottle that we will fill and clean so please don't feel you need to bring a cup. Third are shoes need to be closed toed with a strap in the back (no flip flops except for splash day). And last but not least please apply sunscreen before you bring you child to the center and we will reapply after nap each day.

We have a few changes for the summer. Chase, Hunter, and Abby will be moving to the chipmunk room. Silas and Olivia N are staying home for the summer. We will miss our friends. Kylah, Olivia C Reed B Morgan Noelle Bailee Yana Genesis Benjamin and Danielle will be the big kids in the room. Reed is moving over from the infant room and Ruth is new to the center. We are hoping the summer holds as much fun as this past year did.

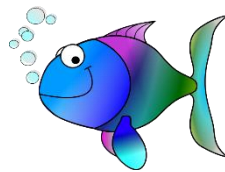
TOPICS WE WILL BE DOING THIS SUMMER.

Fun week/welcome
Men in the family
Mercer Mayer
Red white and blue
Bubbles and chalk
Camping

Song of the month:

12345 I Caught a Fish

12345 I caught a fish alive
678910 I let him go again
Why did I let him go?
Because he bit my finger so
Which finger did he bite?
The little one on the right



Bluebirds Newsletter Early Summer 2015

Welcome Summer! We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer. We hope to spend lots of time outside enjoying the warm weather. We will go out every day unless of course it rains or is too hot. The office dictates our permitted time outside with extreme temperatures.

Please dress your child comfortably for play. Also flip flops are not permitted for the children. The only sandals which can be worn must have a closed toe and strap around the back of the heel. Socks and sneakers are safest for running and climbing.

I bring a water jug outside every day with cups for the class. If your child wants to bring a water bottle every day with cold water in it that is fine too, just not necessary. We make more trips to the water fountain too.

Every Monday, starting June 15th, our class will have Splash Day. For parents new to ECCC this is sprinkler play and water in sensory in the large field outside. Please send your child to school in their swimsuit. A cover-up or shirt can be worn until we head outside about 9:30. Send a towel in a bag and a change of clothes. Please label items. This is one day flip flops or water shoes may be worn. No bare feet allowed.

Sunscreen is to be applied on your child before school. We are happy to reapply for the afternoon if you send a bottle into school.

Themes:

June 8-12 Getting to Know You, Basic Concepts Review

June 15-19 5 Senses, Father's Day

June 22-July 2 Insects, 4th of July (ECCC Closed July 3)

July 6-17 Zoo

We say good-bye to some of our Bluebird friends. Some will become Cubs and others will be leaving for the Summer. We welcome new friends to our nest.

Bluebird Summer Class:

Andrew, Aubree, Cayden, Jacob, Katie,
Keith, Liam, Naizeya, Paige, Palmer and Sonja



Happy birthday to Naizeya 6/6, Katie 6/16, and Palmer 7/9!

Have a safe and happy Summer!

Cub/Hive Newsletter June/July 2015

The Cubs are excited about summer! There will be many enjoyable adventures for us this year, from learning topics, to special days and activities, to field trips, to interesting walks around Elizabethtown. Along with all our summer fun activities in June and July, we have some exciting ideas to explore. We will learn about local community, world geography and travel, money (with a lemonade stand!), bugs, and space.

After we loved on our moms and grandmas in May, we spent a few weeks learning a lot about farms and we also planted our garden. We will enjoy watching it grow and harvesting as plants reach readiness. We turned our attention to ponds in June, and we get to love on dads and grandpas for a few days coming up! As teachers, we greatly appreciate each of you who care for our students, and we strive to support you in the hard work of teaching and training your children.

We are sad to say goodbye to some friends for the summer: Ethan, Zaria, Ayla, Cole, and Alissa are joining the Foxes. We know they will enjoy their new class! Some friends are taking the summer off or are finished with their time at ECCC: Louie, Marshall, Ayla, and Olivia. We will miss them! And we will see some new faces as well: Gwen, who joined us earlier in May, Anesu, Gabriela, Shammah, Chiara, Deztiny, and Ayden. It's always fun to make new friends.

Deep Thoughts from the Cubs

What did you like about our farm unit?

Addison G - I liked chocolate milk when we tasted all the milk.

Addie M - Going to the troll bridge to play Billy Goats Gruff was fun. I was a large goat. I pushed Ms. Jes the troll.

Alexis - I liked playing with the dirt play dough.

Ben - I liked goat tasting. I liked the milk the best.

Cassidy - My favourite goat stuff was the cheese.

Eben - I like chickens.

Gwen - When we did goat tasting, I liked all of them: the cheese, the yogurt, and the milk.

Judah - I liked making haystacks with noodles and chocolate.

Kade - I liked making bread and trying it.

Logan - Milk tasting, because I liked strawberry the best.

Madelynn - I liked making bread in a bag and eating it.

Makenna - We learned about sheep. I feeled the sheep wool.

Miranda - Ms. Angela made dirt play dough that smelled like chocolate and I liked that the best. And I love horses.

Rogan - I liked doing the Humpty Dumpty experiment.

Dates to Remember:

June Birthdays: Addison G. (2nd), Ben (3rd), Ayden (6th), Makenna (17th), Olivia (24th), Madelynn (27th)

June 10: Oregon Dairy field trip

June 25: That Fish Place field trip

July Birthdays: Anesu (3rd), Cassidy (5th), Marshall (9th)

July 4: Independence day *** ECCC closed

July 10: Hershey Gardens field trip

July 23: Middletown Train field trip



WELCOME TO THE FOXES Summer Edition

Welcome to the Foxes! We are excited to have your child be a part of our class. Your child's teachers will be Lindy Rodgers and Laura Miller. Lindy has been teaching here at the center for over 30 years. She has a degree in recreation and has taken several early childhood education classes. Laura is a Lock Haven education graduate, has worked here at the center several summers and was employed as a long term kindergarten sub at Etown School District. Their combined experience, energy, education and love of children will assure that your child has a happy, pleasant summer with the Foxes. If you need to contact either of them, please call the office and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Some things to remember...

- Sign your child in and out each day. For a few days please have your ID ready until all the staff get to know you when you sign out. The notebook will be located on the table in the hallway outside the room when the children are there and will be with them when they are out of the room.
- Children's jackets and belongings can be placed in their baskets and hooks located in the room. Be sure to check daily for important papers that may be sent home.
- Please be sure your child has a spare set of clothing labeled with their name. We will be outside daily, weather permitting. Wear only clothing on your child that you do not mind getting dirty. Sturdy shoes or sneakers are best on the playground and for walks. **We do not allow flip flops on children** except for splash day. When other attire is needed we will give you notice.
- Water bottles marked with names may be left here each day.
- Bring a favorite **small** blanket and /or pillow if you like. We rest on mats most days from 2-3. We listen to quiet music and some do sleep so we expect the children to be quiet. We have books and quiet toys for those who do not sleep to play with on their mats.
- Please put sunscreen on your child when dressing each morning. We can reapply later in the day if you bring a labeled bottle of sunscreen that will be kept here in a locked closet.
- Newsletters will be on-line or sent home twice in the summer along with a monthly calendar to keep you informed on what your child will be doing, what he may need to bring or where we may go that day. Daily sheets, a parent bulletin board and a Today Board help to keep you informed of our daily activities. Lesson plans are posted in the room.
- When we are not in our room we could be on the playground or on a walk. Our location will be posted on the table outside our door; you will know of our daily plans if you are checking the calendar and daily schedule. The office will also know of our whereabouts when we leave the center.
- We will be going on some fieldtrips. More details will follow. Be sure to have your child here by the time specified. We always provide lunches for trips.

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to any of the staff. Working together we can make your child's summer experience at ECCC a safe, happy and memorable one!



Welcome summer 2015 Minors

First I would like to explain that the Explorers and Investigators merge into one class and we are now called the Minors, like the baseball teams. Mrs. Anderson along with another staff will be working together with the Minors.

Here are some items that will help you hit a home run during the summer months:

Each month you will receive a **calendar** to help you and your child be ready for each day. Each day we go over the calendar in class so that the children know what they need to bring the next day. Be sure to check the calendar daily.

Please let us know if your child will be on vacation. There is a vacation calendar posted inside the room for us to record each child's vacation or days off.

Water bottle Please provide a water bottle with your child's name on it. These are very helpful on days we walk to the park, library or splash day.

Suntan lotion should be applied at home in the morning. You can bring a bottle to keep here too. On splash day it is helpful to have a second coat applied. Please label with your child's first and last name.

Splash day Your child will need a bathing suit or change of clothes, a towel, and some kind of footwear (water shoes or old sneakers). Splash day is on Thursday at 12:00 . But it may not be every Thursday.

Bike Day Your child may bring their bike to ride. **They must have a helmet and knee and elbow pads** (unless you sign a permission form stating that your child does not need to wear the pads) Bikes may be parked in the grassy area in front of the center doors.

Scooter Day Your child may bring their scooter, they must have a helmet and knee and elbow pads.

Field trips are listed on the calendar. There is no alternate care for your child if we have already left for the field trip so check the times on the calendar.

Quiet time This is not a nap time, but is time to cool down and do some reading and writing. We also work on the summer library reading program.

We provide mats for each child. No nap items are needed.

Themes

June 8 – 12 Berries

June 15- 19 Fairy tales

June 22 – 26 Pets

June 29 – July 2 Happy Birthday USA (ECCC is closed July 3)

July 6 – 17 Space and stars

Daily schedule for Minors

6:00 Fireflies room

6:30 Cubs room

7:00 Our room

8:00 Breakfast/free play

9:00- 11:15 Daily planned activities

11:15 Lunch in fellowship hall

11:45 story time

12:00 organized games

12:30 free play outdoors

1:00 Quiet time

1:45 Activities in the classroom

3:15 Snack

4:00 Outdoor play

5:00 Cubs room

5:45 Fireflies room

E-TOWN BEARS' JUNE – JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Welcome, E-town Bears, to our 2015 summer program! Are you ready for a fun summer? Based on the children's interest, we will be planning activities that will expand their curiosity! June 8 is the first day of the summer session. The first week will be getting to know each other and adjusting to the schedule. We will divide the children into older/younger groups for about 2 hours in the mornings. The 1st/2nd graders will be the younger group. The 3rd/4th/5th will be the older group. There will be a possibility that we will need to split the 3rd graders between the younger/older groups. This summer we will all be in the Fellowship Hall for you to drop off and pick up your children. Please, check your child's basket for a month-to-month calendar. **PLEASE**, place this calendar where your child can refer to it **DAILY**. There is a great deal of information on the calendar that will be helpful for your child in preparing for his/her day. We stress often that it is the child's responsibility to bring what is needed for the day...not the parent's.

Thank you for taking the time to read over all of this information. **PLEASE**, place this newsletter somewhere safe so you can refer to it throughout the summer session. Have a great summer because we know the E-town Bears will! And don't forget to let us know when your child will be on vacation or just away for the day...it really helps us in our planning!

DAILY SCHEDULE

6:00	Meet in the Firefly room
6:15	Meet in Fellowship Hall (Tuesday-Friday) Monday @ 6:30 a.m.
6:15-7:00	Quiet Activities
7:00-8:30	Free play, table activities, etc.
7:15-8:00	Breakfast is offered
8:00-9:00	Large motor activities; Table activities
9:00-9:15	Transition/Class Meeting
9:15-9:45	Group activity
9:45-10:00	Transition
10:00-11:00	Younger Group: Outside/Older Group: Inside
11:00-12:00	Younger Group: Inside/Older Group: Outside
12:00-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:00	Transition
1:00-2:00	Quiet time (1:00-2:00 Reading/Journals/Quite games)
2:00-3:00	Free play
3:00-3:30	Snack is offered
3:30-4:00	Transition activity; Clean-up
4:00-4:45	Outside
4:45-5:00	Transition
5:00-5:45	Quiet activities at the tables
5:45-6:00	Firefly Room

DAILY TRANSITION ACTIVITIES:

MONDAY-----SHARING
TUESDAY-----GAME/DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY-----CREATION SHARING
THURSDAY-----CLASS MEETING
FRIDAY-----SHARING



ON THE CALENDAR YOU WILL SEE:

PARK DAY: We try to go streaming on Park Day. Please bring an old pair of sneakers or water shoes and an **EXTRA SET OF CLOTHES** to participate in streaming.

PARKING LOT DAY: Roller blades, roller skates, bikes, remote control and scooters! During these activities there will be a 50/50 chance that your child will get a scrape on his/her knee/knees! If you are able or wish for your child to wear knee pads or any other protection, this will be your responsibility to tell your child to do so. We will support your wishes!

SPLASH DAY: (Splash Day 1:30-3:30). Children **MUST** have a towel, swimsuit, or an extra **COMPLETE** set of clothing to change into (a complete set includes underwear and shoes), and an old pair of shoes or water shoes to participate in Splash Day. **WE WILL NOT ALLOW A CHILD TO RUN AROUND OUT IN THE FIELD WITHOUT SHOES!** Our reason? **BEES!!** We do not want your child to step on anything that will harm him/her.

FIELD TRIPS: PLEASE be aware of departure times. Wear comfortable shoes. The children should not bring money when going on a field trip. No alternative program is provided at ECCC during field trip times.

E-TOWN BEARS' RULES AS CREATED BY THE CHILDREN:

*Respect others:

No name calling

If you don't have anything nice to saydon't say anything at all.

Don't hurt people's feelings.

Listen to each other.

Be kind to each other.

*Respect the property – the church building as well as items that belong to the center.

*No gum chewing

*Be polite and use your manners

*Play safely

WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN ALLOWED TO BRING TO THE CENTER?

- Hand held games (ex. Gameboy/DS but no handheld DVD), toys and games. We also have an electronic contract that your child must sign!

- Portable cd players w/headphones. If a child wishes to share a cd with the class, you must provide the lyrics and the teachers will decide if it is appropriate for all the children to listen to. Some music is not appropriate for all age groups.
- Videos. Our policy states that a teacher must preview the movie before it can be shown to the group. Videos must be "G" rated.
- Water bottle with his/her name labeled on it. Please, only water...no Gatorade or soda.
- An extra set of clothing to keep in their basket never hurts!

ECCC is not responsible for lost or missing items

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SUMMER!

TEACHERS:

MRS. YVETTE
MRS. DEB
MISS KATHRYN
MISS DESTINY
MISS STEPH
MISS TAYLOR
MRS. TAMME
MRS. CINDY

