

DHCNE Parent Meeting
Thursday, 03/26/2015
6pm

Welcome & Introductions

The Songs We Sing at DHC – Ms. Kathryn

Why do We Sing songs at Preschool?

There are so many reasons to sing songs with your young child...

- They learn/practice fundamentals of speech (rhyme, phonemic awareness and how language is structured).
- When children replicate sound patterns, this is mathematical thinking.
- Children listen better (and learn more) when songs are used because they are fun and repetitive.
- Children are typically more compliant with instructions/commands when you sing them (i.e. "Let's take a bath", "Let's eat our lunch" – in a sing-song voice).

Presentations were given and song booklets were handed out:

VPK Favorite Songs – Ms. Jennifer
3 & 4 Year Old Favorite Songs – Ms. Amy
2 Year Old Favorite Songs – Ms. Bernadette
1 Year Old Favorite Songs – Ms. Becky
Infant Favorite Songs – Ms. May

Preschool Update – Ms. Kim

Enrollment & Summer VPK

There are approximately 10 open spots for enrollment at the preschool. If you refer someone, who registers their child, after their 1st full month, you get a \$40 credit!

Summer VPK is for children who will be attending kindergarten in August, but haven't participated in a VPK program. Summer VPK runs from 06/01/2015 – 08/10/2015 from 9am – 4pm with a lunch and afternoon snack. There is no extra tuition for Summer VPK unless they need "wrap around" services (7am – 6pm is \$200/month).

If you know of a child who could benefit from Summer VPK, refer them. If they register, you get a \$40 credit.

Facility Updates

New Lofts and Playground Equipment

The new lofts are in all classrooms except for the infants and 1s (they aren't getting lofts). We are still waiting on extra pieces of Plexiglas to be installed on the lofts.

There is a new "boat" climber on the playground. This is the largest piece of playground equipment being installed. The builder will take 2 – 3 weeks off, then begin the smaller projects (water wall, gear wall, child-sized musical instruments, etc).

Infant/Toddler Building

DHC has received final approval and funding to build the new infant/toddler building on the property adjacent to our current building. We hope to break ground by summer.

Curriculum – Ms. Kathryn

April: Birds, Celebrating Spring, Flowers and Gardening

May: Insects and Spiders: Not-So-Creepy Crawlers

June: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (Creative Curriculum)

On Site Field Trips

April - We hope to have St. Francis or the Tallahassee Museum come out with some birds (probably different types of raptors).

June – Tallahassee/Leon County recycling (June 18th)

Teacher Training – Ms. Kathryn

Curriculum Training

March Training (March 23, 2015) 9 – 3pm and

April Training (April 18, 2015): Interest Areas - Applying Theories and Research in a "Real-World" Classroom. Our focus will be creating inviting and educational interest areas,

daily activities, routines, transitions, mealtimes and scaffolding.

May Training (Date TBA): Will focus solely on implementation and use of Creative Curriculum.

Important Dates:

Spring Fling: Friday, April 3rd from 3:30 – 5pm! Celebrate spring with us. We'll have fun and developmentally appropriate activities for your child, an egg hunt, face painting and tattoos!

New Spring Menu: April 6th

Spirit Week: April 13 – 17th

Monday ~ School Spirit Day ~ Wear your school shirt.

Tuesday ~ Favorite Hat or Tiara Day

Wednesday ~ Favorite Character, Super Hero or Sports Team Day

Thursday ~ Wacky Tacky Day ~ Wear your weirdest, mis-matchiest clothes

Friday ~ Favorite PJ Day ~ Wear your most comfy, favorite pajamas to school

Parents Night Out Friday, April 17, 2015 6pm - 11pm

\$25 for the first child and \$15 for additional siblings

SIGN UP

Sign up at Ms. Amber's desk or see Ms. Kim, Ms. Kathryn or Ms. Amber to save a spot for your child.

Next Parent Meeting Thursday, April 30th from 6 – 7pm

VPK Graduation: Friday, May 15, 2015 ~ tentatively scheduled for 7pm at Imagine School Cafeteria