

August 2011

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Upcoming Closures

VACATION REMINDER: Just a reminder that we will be closed the first full week in October (**October 3rd – October 7th**) for vacation.

APPOINTMENT: Silas has a cardiologist appointment on **Tuesday, August 9th** at 9:30 a.m. As this is our transition week, and we are in between summer camp and our new school year, we will have fewer kids this day. Rather than closing, Miss Kearyan and my daughter Kasirah will be having fun getting wet with the kids in the backyard that morning.

Summer Camp

We have had an absolutely AMAZING AND FUN summer and are very sad to see it end. However, **Friday, August 5th** will be our last day of summer camp. We return to our regular schedule and new school year on **Monday, August 15th**. The week of August 8th-12th will be a "laid back" week, as we will be slowly getting the kids back into routine. We will still have a few park day trips this week.

School-Age Drop-Offs & Pick-Ups

My own children will be returning to school on **Tuesday, August 9th**. Therefore, we will begin departing here promptly at **7:35 a.m.** to bring them to school. If your child arrives early, please be sure he/she is here by 7:35 a.m. OR, Miss Kearyan will be here to accept arrivals beginning at **8:00 a.m.** There will be no one here for arrivals between 7:35 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. I will be picking up school-age children between **3:00 p.m.** and **3:40 p.m.** in the afternoons.

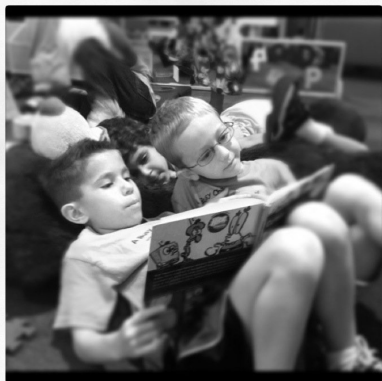
August Lesson Plans

2011-2012 Curriculum Outline: I am including with the newsletter our curriculum outline for the school year. For our third year in a row, we will be using the Zoo Phonics program to teach the children letter sounds and recognition. First we will introduce the lowercase letters and then present the uppercase letters. Each week I will send home a brief note that covers the letters we will be working on, as well as activities you can do at home with your child. I will also include any field trip reminders or additional activities.

Families are invited and encouraged to take part in our activities and field trips whenever your schedule may allow. Please make yourself at home in our classroom and feel free to speak with me if you have any questions or suggestions throughout the course of the year.

Four our first class project, we will be putting together a "My Family" board. Please bring in pictures of your family (mom, dad, sister, grandma, etc) that we may display for each child. Please choose photos you do not mind not being returned, in the event they become damaged from the staples, etc. It would be great if we could get the pictures turned in by **Monday, August 22nd**. **Thank you!**

- **Letters:** a, b, c, d, e
- **Shapes:** Review All
- **WELCOME TO SCHOOL**
- **Numbers:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- **Nursery Rhyme:** Peas Porridge Hot
- **GETTING ACQUAINTED**



Welcome New Families!

Beginning **August 15th**, we will welcome all of our new students and families! We are excited to begin a new school year, and look forward to working with your children. The first few weeks we will be working with the children on routines and becoming comfortable with Miss Kearyan and I, and new friends. I am pleased we will have a few of our 'veteran' children here to help role model for our new friends for the first week or two. I feel this will be great in helping our new children transition. ☺

Qualistar Rating

Our Qualistar rating is up for renewal in September, Therefore, a rating specialist will be here unannounced anytime and will be here observing us in our daily routines and paying close attention to health and safety. Part of the rater's job is to observe proper bathroom routines and will be looking in to make sure children are washing hands in the correct sequence. In preparation for the visit, I have sent out surveys that she will collect when she's here. If you have not filled out and returned the survey, please do so as soon as you have time, I really appreciate it. Many thank you's if you have returned the survey!

Moving On...

My heart is heavy as we will be saying sad good-byes to a few of our friends. This month, we will say good-bye to Jackson, Naomi, and Jacob, as they move on Kindergarten. Benny, Selena, Payten, Josh, and Silas will also be returning to school. We will miss you and wish all of the school-agers a fabulous new school year! LOVE, Babette & Kearyan. ☺

Field Trips

On **Wednesday, August 3rd** we will visit Uno's Chicago Grill off of Chambers for a tour of the kitchen and restaurant, the kids will get to make their own pizzas, and then eat them! Uno's is graciously offering this to us as a no charge field trip! Afterwards, we will make a brief trip to the park and then head over to the GVR branch library.

After Summer Camp, we will not have any scheduled field trips until mid-September. This will allow everyone some time to adjust and become comfortable with one another, as well as our school routines. However, the Fun Bus and Mr. Marty will come to us beginning in August. I am waiting to hear back from the Fun Bus owners to schedule our Fun Bus visit for August, I will post a note as soon as it is scheduled.

FIELD TRIP FUND

I highly recommend a 'field trip fund' for your child to cover your child's field trip fees every few months. How it works, is you 'deposit' \$20-\$30 into your child's field trip account and I apply the money to each field trip we take. I place a 'checkbook register' with the child's daily sign-in sheet and record funds used so that the parent can see their child's remaining field trip balance. When the account is running low, you provide me with another deposit. This is very helpful as it helps the parent to not forget the field trip fees when needed. I highly recommend the Field Trip Fund to all families, to help make life a little easier.

Facebook

To all our new families, we're on Facebook! Add us as a friend for school updates and information, and LOTS of videos and pictures of the kids! Search for **"Babette Preschool"**.



Shutterfly

For all families who are not on Facebook, beginning this month, rather than posting pictures to the preschool website, I will be uploading pictures to Shutterfly. Here is our class link on Shutterfly: <http://abusychildpreschool.shutterfly.com/pictures>. I have set the site to private, you will need to create a username and password and request to be added. I take LOTS of GREAT pictures, I highly recommend visiting Shutterfly or Facebook! ☺

August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Graham!** Graham will be turning **3 years old** on **Saturday, August 6th**. We will celebrate Graham's special day with birthday treats in the afternoon on Friday.

Scholastic Book Clubs

Scholastic Book Clubs will be available again beginning in September. Please look for the catalogs to come out with our September newsletter. Scholastic offers great prices on many favorite books! When you order from Scholastic, it helps our classroom earn free books!

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
WEEKLY FEE \$10.00→	Swimming Depart @ 8:45 a.m. APEX	Picnic @ the Park Depart @ 9:00 a.m. Great Plains	UNO's/Park /Library Depart @ 9:15 a.m.	Movie Depart @ 9:15 a.m.	Swimming Depart @ 9:00 a.m. APEX	Graham's Bday
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	Pictures of Family Members Due ☺	23	24	25	26	27
28	Music Class @ 11:00 a.m.	30	31			

