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Calendar:

June 1: Water Play starts

June 4: All Staff, Center opens at 8:30

June 14-18: Kindergarten Parent Teacher Conferences

June 18: Kindergarten Field Trip

Special Thank-you's:

From the Dolphin Room a thank you to Grayson's family for the CD and the "passports" to use during our Celebration of Families month.

A thank you to Mia and her family for the fusion beads and forms

From the Beluga room to Jason's mom for the recyclables, to Ava's Mom for recyclables and to Halvor's Dad (now a Manatee) for the egg cartons for their terrariums.

Scholarship and Grant Applications:

To all our families, it is time to once again apply or reapply for scholarship or the School Readiness Grant. Families with a combined income of \$90,000 or below are eligible to apply for scholarship funded by the Center. New Haven residents with children age 3 or older may apply for the School Readiness Grant. The Grant follows the financial guidelines set forth by the State Median Income Guidelines that are posted in the office. Applications are available on our website, bodelchildcare.org and if you have any questions regarding eligibility for the Grant, please stop by the office and review the chart that is posted on the wall to the right of the door. All applications must be in by June 18, 2010. Scholarships and Grants start July 1, 2010.

Schedules:

This is the time of year when many changes happen for our families. Please be certain to let the office know if you are moving away or planning on leaving the program. Please remember that we need two months notice. You may send this in by email if it is easier. In addition, for all our families who are either leaving or taking vacations, please take a

moment to fill in your dates on the sheets posted in each classroom by the sign in sheets. It is very helpful in planning staffing to know how many children will be here each day.

Toddler Kitchen Renovation

The toddler kitchen is finally scheduled for much needed renovation beginning June 28 – July 2nd. They will be replacing the floor, cabinets and counter tops. The teachers have picked out the colors and we know it will look clean and warm when finished. During the renovation, the toddlers will be moving for a week into the Dolphin and Manatee rooms on the pre-school side. The teachers and I have a meeting the evening of June 15th to plan on dividing the group, the materials to be moved and the overall general logistics of changing the space and routines of toddlers. We will of course write you all a letter when final plans are in place to help all parties feel comfortable with this ‘adventure’. We are actually hoping that the construction timeline can be followed and that we will be back into the new space by Friday, July 2nd. I urge you all if you have any questions to please come and talk.

Dolphin/ Manatee ‘Camp Week’:

During the week of renovation for the Toddler kitchen, when in our effort not to inconvenience anyone with the loss of childcare, we will be moving the toddlers to the Dolphin and Manatee classrooms. During this week, the Dolphin’s and Manatee’s will be occupying the “Big Room” and patio. We will have a security officer here at all times. On the evening of June 15th, the Toddler and pre-school teachers and I will be meeting to finalize all plans for this “camp week”. We are hoping for good weather, if not, we will have activity plans to make this a fun week. Parents will be receiving a letter with the final plans. As always, if you have any questions, please come and talk.

Water Play:

Next week we will begin water play. For our infants and toddlers this means playing in the water table, or water pans and the sprinkler. They all need hats, bathing suits and water shoes. For our pre-school children they need hats, bathing suits and water shoes. **Please, please** do not bring in open toed sandals, crocs or flip-flop styled shoes. The children need to walk with wet feet, they are either on slippery grass or for the pre-school, wood chips and our pre-schooler’s have a number of steps to get to the playground. Though there are many cute styles out there, we must insist, for the safety of the children, on closed toe water shoes.

Other Notes:

We want to share with you all that we earned \$445.00 from our book fair. Thank you to all who helped us advertise this event to the community. One final reminder as new summer outfits come in, please label your items. The children don’t always recognize new clothes and as our staff as they begin their vacations and the summer college students return to us, they are not familiar with lunch boxes, etc. Thank you all in advance.