

Fallston Child Care Center

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

July at the Center is exciting! First, we will honor America with songs and flags and lots of red, white and blue! Then we will be enjoying our very full month of fun! That's what summer is all about - right?

We hope that your child is enjoying our 2021 Summer Camp. So far, we have made sure that there has been something for everyone. But we are just getting started....

RED, WHITE and BLUE

PICNIC: It's time to get patriotic and learn a little about what makes this country great! We will be celebrating with our little ones with a special picnic on Friday, July 2nd. We will have hot dogs, chips, watermelon, vegetables, brownies and lemonade. Yum!!! If your child eats lunch here on Fridays, you will not need to pack a lunch. This one is on us!

INDEPENDENCE DAY:

Remember, Fallston Child Care Center will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observation of the holiday.

MINUTE TO WIN IT GAME

DAY: Week #3 will bring us Fun and Games Week, and we can't wait to get started! On Wednesday, July 7th, we

will enjoy Minute To Win It Game Day! Each class will have an opportunity to participate in age-appropriate competitive games for prizes while their friends cheer them on. It's tons of fun!

QUIVER FARM PETTING

ZOO: The theme for week #4 of summer camp is Animals on Parade. On Tuesday, July 13th, Quiver Farm will be bringing lots of farm animals to our school. The campers will have lots of time to interact with and learn about the animals.

This event does require a permission slip and has a \$15 activity fee. Keep your eyes open for slips coming to your child's cubby. When you complete it, please attach a check for \$15.00 made out to "Fallston Child Care Center". To ensure that our cohorts remain closed, your child must be a registered camper to attend. However, if your child is attending camp this summer, but Tuesday is just not your day, you are still invited to join us for the fun, you will just need to remain with your child through the event.

EXTREME JEAN'S SCIENCE SPACTACULAR SHOW:

Our theme for week #5 is Sizzle, Fizzle, Pop Science. We have lots of exciting activities planned for our kiddos.

On Thursday, July 22nd, we will be featuring a hands on science show for the children outside in the pavilion. We have featured this performer before and it's one of our favorite activities.

A permission slip and activity fee of \$10 is required for this event. Again, if your child is currently enrolled for camp, but Thursday just isn't your scheduled day, you are still free to join us! Just turn in your slip and fee and we will know to expect you. Permission slips will be posted at cubbies as we get closer to the event date.

MAKE YOUR OWN BELGIAN WAFFLE PARTY:

As we wrap up July, we will be celebrating Fun with Food as week #6. There will be lots of individual food prep and food art going on in classes. But we have some camp-wide events happening as well.

Monday, July 26th will be having a "Make Your Own Belgian Waffle Party! How cool is that? Our campers can get creative making their own concoctions and enjoying the outcome!

There is no cost for this event.

CHOPSTICK CHALLENGE:

Do you know how to eat with chopsticks? It is a talent that takes some practice for sure! Our little ones will get to practice on Friday, July 30th as they eat their snack for the day. If they stick with it, practice makes perfect!

SUMMER REMINDERS:

1. Please make sure your child's feet are completely covered! Sandals may be easy to dump the sand out of, but on our playground, we need socks and tennis shoes. No sandals or flip flops.
2. Apply a 12-hour, high SPF sun block

to your child in the morning before dropping off. We get outside as much as possible!

3. Please arrive by 9:00 each morning.
4. Check your child for ticks nightly.
5. Take home everything over your child's cubby each day. Often, teachers request items to be brought back in for special activities. You don't want your child to miss out!!
6. Please make sure your child has a complete change of clothes in his/her cubby at ALL times. (Yes, even the "big" kids!)
7. Remember, we cannot have nuts in lunches. Allergies are among us and they can be quite serious!
8. Please keep a bathing suit, towel and water shoes or old tennis shoes in your child's cubby. We try to get wet a little each week. The items do not have to be new. Old and functional is just perfect!

STAFF AND SCHEDULES:

As you already know, classes have been regrouped for the summer months--new cubby areas, new rooms, different teachers, new ideas, and new friends. All of these learning experiences encourage the socialization skills that will be so important in the years ahead. During the summer, schedules are more relaxed. FUN is the key to summer!

You will note that most of the teachers take their vacations during the summer, so your child will likely encounter one or more substitutes. Often, teachers substitute for one another.

NEW MSDE GUIDELINES:

As of 9:30 on July 1st, the Maryland State Department's Office of Child Care declared that it is strongly

recommended, but no longer required that individuals mask up in licensed child care facilities. This applies to all, whether adult or child, vaccinated or unvaccinated. We will offer each family the choice. Simply communicate your masking preference for your child to your child's teacher and we will happily accommodate you.

The guidelines still require we do the temperature and symptom check, maintain cohorts, distance to the best of our ability, and not participate in field trips indoors off campus. We expect these restrictions to slowly relax as we move through summer. We will keep you up to date as things progress.

As always, we appreciate your understanding that most of these regulations are out of our control and we do our very best to follow them while making your child happy and comfortable. We are all looking forward to the return of normalcy!

TUITION: Remember, tuition is due every other Monday throughout the year. You will not receive bills! What you receive are statements AFTER you pay, showing that payment. PLEASE READ THEM EACH TIME! They should always have a balance of zero. If they do not, it means you owe money and need to settle that balance immediately.

The due dates for the month of July are Tuesday, July 6th (because we are closed the 5th), and Monday, July 19th.

Online banking is the easiest way to make sure you always remember. If you need help setting up your account, just call or email the office. It is quick, easy, and free to set up.

**ACCESSING
INFORMATION:**

If you need to check in to see what is going on, there are three main ways:

- Make sure you are on the mass email list. These are critical because it is how you would be notified if we had to close for an emergency and you had to immediately come pick up your child. At least one, but preferably both parents will want to be on this list. If you are not getting these emails, go to the home page of our school website to sign up.
- Log onto www.fallstonchildcare.org to see the latest information about what is happening schoolwide.
- Check out our Facebook page. Pictures are added regularly showing all the fun activities we have going on. This is a great way for grandparents and other relatives who delight in your child's daily accomplishments to plug in and see what they are up to. If you do NOT wish to have your child featured on Facebook, simply contact the office and we will be glad to accommodate.

**Our staff wishes
all of our families
a very safe and
happy Fourth of
July weekend!**