

Fallston Child Care Center

JULY 2022 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 2022 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 1st. 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 4th in observation of the holiday.

PLUMPTON PARK ZOO

FIELD TRIP: Week #3 will bring us Animals on Parade Week along with our first outside field trip in two and a half

years! We were beginning to think that life might never get back to normal again! On Wednesday, July 6th, we will travel by bus to Plumpton Park Zoo and we can't wait!

We were able to get our tickets at the group rate for this trip, however, the bus is quite expensive given the current fuel rates. So, adults will cost \$27.00 for this trip

We will head out at 8:00 am to be there when the doors open at 9:00. We will have about 2 hours to enjoy the animals before gathering for our brown bag lunches at the picnic table area and heading back to school. We plan to return by 12:30, so our little ones are able to nap. We are really looking forward to this one!

SINK OR FLOAT ACTIVITY

AT THE LIBRARY: Week #4 at camp will be "Sizzle, Fizzle, Pop, Science". On Monday, July 11th, our campers will head to the library for a special presentation that they are holding just for our school! This should be a great opportunity to learn something while having lots of fun.

SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

DAY: As "Sizzle, Fizzle, Pop, Science" Week continues, on Friday, July 15th, we will be having our very own

Science Experiment Day. This will be a chance for each camper to do some hands-on experiments themselves. Isn't that always the best way to learn? There is no fee for this activity.

“AROUND THE CAMPFIRE”

WEEK: What would summer be without going camping? We plan to put this favorite American pastime to work for week #5 of camp. We have lots of activities planned around this theme!

On Monday, July 18th, we will be having S'more's Making Day. Yum!

On Tuesday, July 19th, we will be excellent community helpers by having Mother Nature Clean Up Day. Our campers are going to spend the day cleaning up the grounds of our beloved campus. We are so fortunate to have a beautiful area to learn and play every day. We want to do our part to take care of it!

We will wrap up July on Friday the 29th with the much-anticipated Karaoke Day! The staff is eagerly awaiting this one as much as the kiddos!

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.

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.

COVID UPDATES: At this time, Harford County is enjoying very low numbers regarding Covid positivity rates. Guidelines such as temperature

taking, masking, and cohorting are not required currently. We have also included field trips in our summer plans, however, we made sure both were outdoor trips.

We ask you to keep in mind that we are always watching numbers and realize that a spike in positivity rates in the fall could possibly require some guidelines to tighten again.

We also recognize that families have differing levels of comfort regarding the pandemic. We support what each family needs to do to keep their child in school. We strive to meet your comfort level.

We, as a staff, have repeatedly said from the start of the pandemic, that although there have been questions and input from our families along the way, each and every parent has been respectful and understanding---even when the guidelines have been difficult at best. We appreciate you!!

ACCESSING INFORMATION:

We are a busy place....ALL the time!
Here is how you can keep up:

- 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. The snack calendar, tuition dates, newsletter, and tuition rates are listed there.

- 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.
- Take home the items at your child's cubby and read them each night. Please watch due dates. Sometimes we need things sent in by a certain day, like water shoes or a t-shirt, for your child to participate in a certain activity. Other times, we need your permission slip and fee to order tickets for a trip. Headcounts are critical to our planning. Please help us to keep things running smoothly!

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