

First Congregational Learning Center Newsletter

Director's News:

Summer is ending and we are getting ready for the school year to begin. I am putting the finishing touches on the yearly calendar and it should be available soon. The children have been busy making their books to share with their families. The books will be on display in the chapel where you and your child can take time to read them either Thursday, August 17th or Friday, August 19th. Infants and Toddlers have also made a few books as well. Hope you enjoy!

Infant News

It's hard to believe the last month of summer is upon us. Hopefully, August will provide us with a lot of warm and sunny days, so we can continue to have fun outside.

We have seen so much success in development over the summer. All the babies have increased their confidence, as they explore and experiment with all of our planned activities. From rocking to crawling, from crawling to walking, being able to use a sippy cup or utensils by themselves. There is always a reason to cheer and clap because something new and exciting is always happening.

This month we are asking each family to send in four family photos. We are going to make a little photo book for the children to play with. We will use these often, as a language development tool and visual stimulation.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and, as always, we are available if you have any questions or concerns.

Toddler News:

This month has been a blast and the upcoming school year looks like it is going to get off to a great start as well! We have been reading lots of books lately and the focus recently has been on animals, nursery rhymes, and books illustrated by Eric Carle. It will be exciting to see how the children's interests evolve and lead us into new and different topics to explore in the next month. We are planning on diving further into our color lessons by focusing on a specific color for a short duration of time and then adding a new color once the children seem comfortable with the one before. This is sure to keep us busy and will definitely be a rewarding/ important experience for the students.



Preschool News:

We are winding down our summer session and it sure is going fast! The children have been busy learning about a variety of authors and have been authors and illustrators themselves. We have already created several classroom books, working as a team on what we want our stories to be about. We will finish the summer off with more of our favorite authors; Shel Silverstein, Don & Audrey Wood, and Eric Carle.

We had a lot of fun on our zoo field trip and are excited to end our summer with a splash at the Splash Park in Westmont. Stay tuned for more details on this and a special water day at school to cool off! We hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and are excitedly awaiting school in the fall. We will miss those leaving us after the summer and welcome new friends! For those on to a new adventure, Dr. Seuss said "Will you succeed? Yes you will indeed! (98 and $\frac{3}{4}$ percent Guaranteed!)"

