

First Congregational Learning Center

Director's Notes:

Summer reminders:

- ☀️ Please make sure to apply sunscreen on your child in the morning. Teachers will reapply for the afternoon.
- ☀️ Make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing here in case of clothes being soiled or due to water play. (This could occur randomly since it is warm out and we like to have fun on these great summer days)
- ☀️ The center will be closed Thursday, July 4th and Friday, August 2nd.
- ☀️ If you know of any family vacations please let us know so we can help staff plan time off too.



Ms. Kimberly

Infant News (Room 204)

Summer is here at last, which means fun in the sun. As we will be outside more we ask if you haven't already done so please take a moment to check your child's basket to make sure that their extra clothing is weather appropriate. In the month of June we plan to explore the physical properties of water; introducing the children to science concepts and creative expression. An activity that you can do at home to encourage exploration and experimentation is to fill a bin about ½ to 1 inch of water and put in a couple sponges. The children can develop their fine motor skills as they squeeze the water out of the sponges. Be prepared for splashing and throwing this activity is fun but messy!



Toddler News (Room 202):

We are ready for some summer fun with getting ready for traveling by engaging in some role play of gathering supplies and packing clothing for a trip. We will talk about safety with using sunscreen protection and following rules to stay safe around water and at the swimming pool. At home, please continue those give and take conversations about maybe a vacation or weekend away that is planned this summer for your family. June is also about our dads, as we talk about how special they are, listen to special "dad's day" stories and engage in an activity using shapes and our feet, to create a painted gift. We will also continue learning and exploring different countries through our summer months, we'll begin our outdoor water play days and walking adventures to different play parks, the pond and nature gathering places, and while exploring our natural world, we're working on large motor skills, as well!

Young Preschool News (Room 203):

We are getting ready for a fun filled summer learning about travel around the world. As we have all been growing older this year we have been doing a lot of talking about ourselves and our families. Since we have two new teachers we are adding family to the weekly curriculum as well. Please have your child bring in a family photo to share with his classmates. Keep a watch out for new and exciting travel artwork. While families take long or short vacations over the summer you can talk with your child about how places are the same or different than where we live. Feel free to have your child bring in vacation photos to share!



Preschool News (Room 205):

We are kicking off our summer program with the trip of a lifetime! We will be exploring different countries all around the world throughout the summer months. We will be discussing the different cultures and customs from around the world and comparing them to our own American Customs. The countries language will also be introduced, and we'll be learning some basic words, phrases, as well as colors and numbers. We'll start our journey by talking about vacations, where we've been and how we like to travel; do you prefer to drive or fly? Pete the Cat will also be sharing our adventures and wants to join in on yours too. We'll be sending you your own 'Flat Pete' (flat Stanley) to bring along on vacations, day trips as well as our own field trips (more information about field trips will be sent home closer to these dates). We'll also see if we can guess where Pete is! It's going to be a fun-filled summer with lots of adventures! Happy Trails!