

# Family Newsletter

June 2020

**School's out for the summer!** While this phrase may feel very different than years past, we still believe it is a time to celebrate!! We have a summer program packed full of outdoor adventures, learning activities, and new experiences; and we cannot wait to get started! If you have any questions about our summer programming, please feel free to ask at the center, or give us a call!

To say we are happy to welcome back so many smiling faces to the center is an understatement, we are ECSTATIC 😊. We want to stay connected with our families at home as well! Over the past weeks, we have been working on our online communications to bring you photos from the center as well as activities that can be done at home. So [follow us on Facebook](#) and please share your own pictures, we love to see what you are doing at home! Thank you for being the amazing community that you are. You and your children are the reason we love what we do so much. **Happy June!**



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## Did you know?

### Developmental Milestones

#### WALKING

Between 9 and 15 months, most babies will take their first steps. Before your child takes their first step they will be sitting up, pulling to standing and cruising. Sitting engages muscles and control in the trunk of the body that will be needed to walk. Pulling to standing allows children to explore in a safe and comfortable way. It also, allows children to practice getting up and down in a controlled manner. Cruising is typically the last step before walking. Help your child by providing furniture that is close together to help them cruise.

### CURRICULUM CORNER

*Children learn best when they can get their hands dirty and experience the world around them. They are natural explorers and want to know the "how's" and "whys" of the world around them.*

*Here are some ways to include hands on activities at home:*

**Smoothie Popsicle:** *Let your child pick out one or two of their favorite fruits and place them in a blender. Have them add some yogurt and mix. Once everything is smooth, freeze! Enjoy your popsicles.*

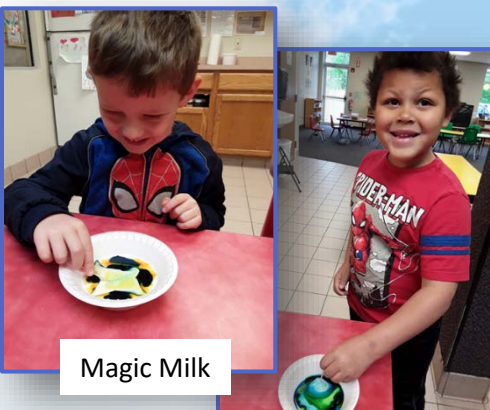
**Playdough Recipe:** *Let your child combine 1 cup of flour, ½ cup of salt, 1 cup of hot water, 2 tablespoons of oil, 2 tablespoons of cream of tartar and food coloring. Mix well, you will notice it turning into a ball, this is how you know it is ready!*

**Scratch and Sniff Names:** *One a piece of construction paper, write out your child's name. Let your child trace over their name with glue, they may need some help with this part. Sprinkle on gelatin of your favorite flavor. After it dries, lightly scratch and sniff!*



### At-Home Resources

ABCmouse.com focuses on the main curriculum subjects of Reading, Math, World Around Us, and Arts/Colors. The app features hundreds of interactive preschool learning games, all of which include voiced instructions so young children will find it easy to learn and play. The activities meet Common Core State Standards for Preschool through Kindergarten. ABCmouse.com is free for a 30-day trial and then users must subscribe with monthly or yearly subscriptions. The app is available for both Apple and Android



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## JUNE BOOK LIST

*Summer Days and Nights* by Wong Herbert Yee

*Ice Cream Summer* by Peter Sos

*The Twelve Days of Summer* by Jan Andrews

*Summer is Summer* by Phillis Gershator

*And Then Comes Summer* by Tom Brenner

*Fireflies* by Julie Brinckloe

*Sunflower House* by Eve Bunting



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