

JUNE 2025

# Family Newsletter



## SUMMERTIME!

Hello June! Hello sunshine! Hello long days and warm nights! Along with the fun of summer, you may hear talk of the “summer slide”—a term that refers to the learning loss that can happen while children are out of school.

The good news? Learning can happen anywhere! Here are a few easy ways to keep your child engaged:

- **Read every day** – Let them pick books they love—stories, comics, even recipes!
- **Learn through play** – Games that use math or reading keep skills sharp in a fun way.
- **Get outside** – Nature walks offer great chances to explore and learn.
- **Use your imagination** – Creating stories or games builds problem-solving skills.

To all our friends that are moving onto kindergarten: CONGRATULATIONS! We have cherished our time with you and hope to see you back at the center for school breaks and holidays! Don't forget to check with the Center Director for information about our fun lineup of summer camp activities and programs.

We wish all of our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, caregivers and guardians a warm and joyful Father's Day! We celebrate you and the love and care you give each day.



- Dad By My Side** by Soosh
- A Father's Love** by Hannah Holt
- Just Me and My Dad (Little Critter)** by Mercer Mayer
- A Father's Day Thank You** by Janet Nolan
- A Perfect Father's Day** by Eve Bunting
- Your Baby's First Word Will Be DADA** by Jimmy Fallon
- All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom** by Angela Johnson
- Juneteenth** by Rachel A. Koestler-Grack
- Freedom Rings: A Children's Book about Juneteenth** by Sharday Moser
- Juneteenth for Mazie** by Floyd Cooper
- The Story of Juneteenth** by Dorena Williamson
- A Flag for Juneteenth** by Kim Taylor

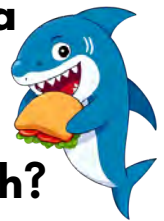


## For Grins



What is a shark's favorite sandwich?

(Answer on page 2)



## Summer Reading

### SUMMER IS MADE FOR READING!

Creating a daily reading habit will inspire a love of reading and strengthen vocabulary and literacy skills. Many public libraries have summer reading programs for kids but there are also programs offered by Scholastic Books, Barnes and Noble and more. For a list of summer reading programs, go to <https://bit.ly/SummerReadingJune>.

Add extra motivation with a reading tracker or challenge! Free printable trackers are available online, like this one from [Raising Little Superheroes](#)





## Water Safety Tips for Families

Water play is a favorite summer activity, but safety is key. Keep these tips in mind:

- 1. Always Supervise:** An adult should always be within arm's reach of young children near any body of water—even small kiddie pools. Drowning can happen quickly and quietly.
- 2. Use Approved Life Jackets:** Especially near open water or on boats.
- 3. Establish Pool Rules:** Teach children basic rules like no running near the pool, no diving in shallow areas, and always swimming with a buddy.
- 4. Stay Sun Safe:** Don't forget sunscreen! Reapply often, especially after swimming, and provide hats or UV-protective swimwear for added coverage.
- 5. Enroll in Swim Lessons:** Check out your local community center or YMCA for swim lessons. Learning how to swim is a key life skill.

**STAY COOL AND STAY SAFE!**

**For Grins**  Answer: Peanut butter and jellyfish 

## “Dad and Me” Scavenger Hunt

Create a fun and meaningful photo adventure with your child by making a list of simple, heartwarming prompts like “Reading a story together,” “Building something tall,” or “Sharing a big hug.”

Then, spend time completing each activity and snapping a photo to capture the moment. It's a playful way to make memories and celebrate the special bond between dads and their kids!



## JUNETEENTH

### Necklace

Using pasta that can be placed on string to form a necklace, paint or dye it the colors of the Juneteenth flag or Pan-African Flag.

Cut a piece of string to the desired length. Once dry, thread the pasta onto the string to create your necklace. Once you are happy with the arrangement, tie the string together to complete your necklace.

NOTE: Adult supervision is recommended. Small parts could pose a choking risk. Not suitable for children under 3 years old.



**DON'T FORGET**

**The center will close at 2 pm on Friday, June 6 for Teacher In-Service**