



Another great Fourth of July has come and gone! The fourth seems to be a significant marker for when people, including myself, start to think that summer will fly by even faster and that another school year will be starting before we know it. However, here at The Bridges we are going to enjoy each summer day that we have together and continue to make memories in and out of the classroom with some fun-special days to put on your calendars.

In the month of June, we really worked on basic academic skills in the areas of writing and counting. The summer provides the teachers an opportunity to really assess where each child is academically and identify the areas where they need improvement. The children have been receiving extensive individual lessons with these skills from the teachers last month. The summer allows more time for the teachers to really fine tune these skills (ie; name writing, number writing, patterns, sequencing, counting, cutting, tracing, drawing shapes, etc.) The children have been working really hard with their teachers and we are very proud of them for this type of learning is a lot of repetition based activities. There have been times when they have wanted to give up because they said they cannot do it or they were tired of doing it, but through positive reinforcement and encouragement, they have been accomplishing the skills. Also let's not forget that in addition to teaching them academic skills, we are teaching life lessons such as believing in themselves and self confidence, and perseverance and determination. It is great to see the smiles on their faces after they did something they thought they could not do!

This week we start our first week of lessons based on themes. The teachers will continue to build on the skills they have been working with the children on, however, the skills will be related to the themes. For example, the children will write their names in sand for our beach theme instead of on paper and dry erase boards. The theme based lessons will allow the children to get a variety of skill-based activities, but they will be able to have "more fun" while learning the skills. The theme-skill based lesson will be as follows:



July 14 – 18 – Marshmallows

The children will be using Marshmallows in all areas of our curriculum from Marshmallow Art and Science, Marshmallow Sensory Play, Marshmallow Math, to using Marshmallows for Games and best of all for baking.

July 21 – Aug 1 – Under the Sea/Water

During these 2 weeks, we will have some scheduled water days. On these dates, please send your child in their swim suit along with a towel and waterproof shoes with their names labeled on all items for some fun water play, weather permitting. If the weather does not cooperate, we will reschedule the water day and you will be notified of the new date. The following scheduled dates are: Monday, July 21, Thurs, July 24th, and Wednesday, July 30th. We will also have a picnic to kick off the month of August on Friday, August 1st. Please DO NOT SEND a lunch with your child on this day, for we will be grilling and having a HOT LUNCH.

Aug 4 – Aug 8 – Sweets & Treats – Ice Cream & Baking

During this week, the children will be learning about ice cream and other summer cool treats. They will also learn how to read recipes and how to measure. We will have special treat days on August 6th and 7th where they will make their own ice cream treats and bake some goodies for their snack.

Aug 11 – Aug 22 – Whirlin' & Twirlin' Carnival Fun

We will be learning about carnivals, county fairs, state fairs, and amusement parks. Throughout these two weeks, the children will be participating in carnival games, a talent show, face painting, and wacky hair.

Aug – 25 – 29 – End of Summer Luau Party

During this week, we will be learning about Hawaii and will be having a limbo and hula hoop contest along with a Caribbean dance party! On Wednesday, August 27th, we will be watching parts of RIO 2. Please have your child wear anything for a Luau Party or Beach attire including sunglasses on Thursday, August 28th.

We look forward to having a blast of summer fun these last 7 weeks of summer for summer is not over yet here at The Bridges.

Keep Making Summer Memories!

Ms. Maria and Staff

As we approach the fall, please confirm your child's Fall schedule which is written at the top of this newsletter to me by email, text, or in person by July 18th. We have limited availability in regards to adding or changing days. If schedule changes have come up since your February Registration, please let me know by July 18th for I may not be able to accommodate changes after the 18th. I also need to know for staffing purposes. If your child was enrolled after February, please return the attached registration form for fall session. I want to thank you all for keeping me informed so far this summer with vacation days, camps, summer school, etc or whatever it may be where your child will be not be in attendance for it makes staffing so much easier and the teachers appreciate it also. It allows them to know the hours and days they will be teaching in advance also!!

REMINDERS

*Forms were handed out last month to update or complete your child's file. Please return the required forms that are missing or that need updating by July 18th. If you received forms, you need to return them to prevent care from being suspended.

*Please make sure your child's cubby is cleared out when you pick them up. The children can gather their things for it teaches responsibility, however, food items and dishes are sometimes being left behind. Sometimes they leave items behind that they do not want to bring home for some particular reason (LOL), so please take the time to check their cubby after they have gathered their items at the end of the day! Items that are still left in the cubbies at the end of the week will be thrown away; however, if it is a food item, it will be thrown away at the end of each day. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.