

July Newsletter

Mustard Seed Learning Center Preschool Parents Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Summer is here! We're so excited to explore the outdoors with fun summer activities like taking nature walks and engaging in water play in addition to our regular curriculum.

On June 17, our preschoolers held a Father's Day party. It was great to see so many dads, moms and grandfathers participating and having fun with the children. We hope all the dads enjoyed the songs and especially enjoyed the time spent with their children.

Upcoming Events

July 15: Red, White and Blue Day; Nature Walk

Wear your patriotic colors in honor of Independence Day. We will be celebrating and learning about patriotism and the beginnings of the United States. We will also be going on a nature walk to show off our red, white and blue!

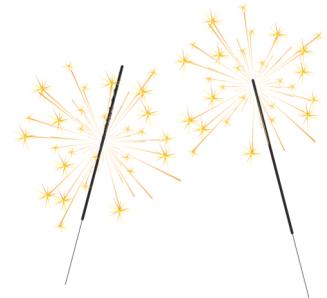
July 22: Backwards Day

Wear your pants, shirts, hats, and everything backwards! Let's have a silly day with the children and explore some backwards activities in the classroom.

Announcement:

MSLC will be closed from July 4-8 to observe Independence Day.

Happy 4th of July!



In addition, let's extend a warm welcome to two new students, Kyle Cao and Alice Meng!



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Upcoming Events Continued

August 26: Pajama Day

Come to school in your favorite pajamas! Bring your favorite stuffed toy for show-and-tell. We will be reading “bedtime” stories and enjoying theme-related activities throughout the day.

Building Bridges between Home and School

In response to many requests for more information on discipline, we would like to share a few helpful tips from the 4C Council on how to manage certain situations with children.

What to do when your child BECOMES ANGRY

First understand why your child is angry. It could be that your child is not successful at doing something, something that is personally important, or that your child has been told **stop, no, and don't** too many times. Your child may feel forced to do something he or she does not want to do or your child may feel frustrated from hearing too many demands from adults.

Do NOT

Please do not become angry in reaction to your child's anger, and additionally, do not allow a tantrum to worsen.

DO

- Remember that it is normal to feel angry and that in some situations, this emotion may be expected.
- Observe when your child is angry and identify who is the target of that emotion.
- Observe if your child is able to express anger in acceptable ways.
- Provide a safe outlet for your child to vent anger such as in vigorous play, punching bags, stress balls and or finger painting.

What to do if your child WON'T SHARE

Be patient with your child. This behavior may indicate that your child is too young (under 3 years old) or that your child needs experience in owning and sharing things.

Do NOT

Please do not snatch the object from your child, or scold your child. And absolutely do not tell your child that you do not like him or her.

DO

- Allow your child to experience ownership by designating a few things that are only for him or her.
- Have enough materials for each of your children.
- Use a clock or timer to limit the amount of time spent with a coveted item.

A Gentle Reminder

We would like to remind parents to please follow the signs and arrows in the parking lot.

There is only ONE EXIT and ONE ENTRANCE.

Please share this reminder with other parents to safely coordinate traffic during drop-off and pick-up hours.

Thank you!



July 2016 Curriculum

Our theme of the month is Creepy Crawlers! We will be practicing the following skills while exploring a variety of creepy crawlers.

Practical Life:

- Creepy Crawlers sorting
- Scrubbing chair
- Folding (rug, table mat, cloths, etc.)
- Polishing (mirror, etc.)
- Greeting a person

Sensorial:

- Knobbed cylinder extension

Language:

- Vocabulary building, e.g. name the Creepy Crawlers
- Using complete sentences
- Reviewing all 26 beginning sounds

Math:

- Linear and skip counting
- The Counters Game

Geography:

- Continents extension

Science:

- Live snail experiment

Cultural:

- July 4th, Independence Day

July Songs to Share

Statue of Liberty (tune of “I’m a Little Teapot”)

I’m a giant statue, see my torch,
symbol of freedom and peace for all.
See me in the harbor
so straight and tall,
welcoming the people, one and all.

Flag (tune of “Mary had a Little Lamb”)

Our flag is red, white, and blue
red, white and blue
red, white and blue.
Our flag is red, white and blue
in the U.S.A.

Our flag has 50 stars,
50 stars, 50 stars,
our flag has 50 stars
in the U.S.A.

Our flag has 13 stripes,
13 stripes, 13 stripes,
our flag has 13 stripes,
in the U.S.A.



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Contact Us

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