



Dear LCDC Families,

It is hard to believe that summer will officially be here next week. This summer I hope in the midst of busy schedules you will get to experience many magnificent first with your child. Such as feeling the soft grass under foot for the first time, walking in the sand, building sand castles, making homemade ice cream, camping, star gazing, firefly catching, tasting food from a garden, washing the car, and the list of first could go on and on. I know firsthand how busy life gets when you have many commitments, while parenting small children. However, in the midst of your summer, enjoy your child's unique milestones, build memories for your child to carry into adulthood, and memories that you will hold dear.

Summer activities will be in full swing next week. The NASA Exchange Sponsored school age camp begins Monday June 17. Introduced in this newsletter are our summer camp staff and new LCDC staff member. In regards to camp staffing, I asked Nyshena Taylor, one of the lead teachers for the Little Dippers, to take on the task of camp coordinator. Once camp is complete, Nyshena Taylor will resume her position as a lead teacher in the Little Dippers. I am very pleased with everything Nyshena Taylor has planned for camp. I know your children are going to have "out of this world fun".

I would like to congratulate all the LCDC staff members who graduated from Thomas Nelson Community College this past May. I am very proud of all, and thankful that my staff continues to press forward in the profession of early childhood education. In this newsletter you will see a picture of all the graduates.

The LCDC pre-k graduation is Thursday June 13, 2013 at 3:00 pm. The staff and I would like the families of our little graduates to know that it has been an honor to care, and educate your children. We are thankful that we had the privilege in helping to lay a strong foundational framework for your child's formidable school years. Congratulations graduates!

Children that will be promoted to new classrooms will transition the week of June 17. Parents will be given notice by letter, if their child will be promoted. If you have a concern about your child's transition please contact me.

Additionally, in this newsletter you will find the weekly themes, "water Play" schedule, and a copy of our "Sunscreen Policy". Please make sure your child wears play clothes and has extra in their classroom. Including, water play attire, towel, and sunscreen that are labeled with your child's name. It is also very important that your child wear a comfortable shoe that they can easily run and play in. Flip flops are great for the

beach, but not necessarily for playground activities. Clogs are great for wet, muddy play, but can potentially be a safety risk on the playground since they have holes across the top of the foot.

You will find numerous summer safety tips for this summer on the American Academy of Pediatrics website <http://www.healthychildren.org/>, which include sun, water, and pool, bug repellent safety tips as well as other subjects.

Another important reminder for this summer is the dangers of leaving children in a hot car. We have all heard the stories of loving parents that lost children, due to simply forgetting they had an infant/child in the backseat. It is recommended that those dropping off and picking up children at daycare, place important items in the back seat with your child; such as a briefcase, purse, or badge, so that when you get out of the car you must open the back door or look in the backseat to retrieve items.

Since we will not have a “Day of Caring”, the LCDC is planning our own work day this summer, in which we will give WIN points for each family represented, and provide lunch. We have several tasks that need to be completed.

1. Rubberized Mulch spread
2. New sand placed in sand boxes
3. Above ground garden containers built

The LCDC will provide the materials; we just need some muscle to make it happen. The volunteer LCDC work day will be on Friday June 28 from 7:00 am until tasks are completed. If you can only volunteer for an hour that is okay; any amount of time is appreciated. Please email me by June 21 if you will be able to help. Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns about anything discussed in the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact me.

May you have a summer that is bright and beautiful!

Kimberly Bloom

NASA LCDC Director

NASA Langley Child Development Center Summer Fun



Week 1

Discoveries

Week 2

Dig It

Week 3

A Little Engineering

Week 4

The 3 R's

Week 5

Measure Up

Week 6

To Infinity and Beyond

Week 7

Small Explorations

Week 8

Data Collection

Week 9

Express Yourself

Week 10

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious





LCDC Staff Graduates

Sherry Griffith- Loretta Slade- Ella Artis- Renee Matthews- Karen Maddox- Joann Miles- Margarita Rios

SUMMER CAMP STAFF



Nyshena Taylor is one of our Lead Teacher in the Little Dipper Classroom. However, this summer Ms. Taylor is taking on the role as camp coordinator. Ms. Taylor is super creative, and has fun summer plans for the campers.



Camp Counselors – Left to Right

Jordan Hubbard is a junior at Temple University and is working on a degree in Management Information Systems. Tayler Wheeler is an Intern helping this summer; she is a student at Hampton University and is working on a degree in Biology. Kristen Campbell is working toward a degree in Photo Journalism, when she was a child, she attended LCDC summer camp. Kristen states “I will leave your kids looking forward to tomorrow”. Sarah Gordon is a Longwood University student, who graduates in December 2013, with a Bachelor Arts degree in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Special Education.



Meet Rashonda Hammons

Rashonda began working for the LCDC on May 28. Rashonda works as an on-call flex office assistant, and classroom sub. Rashonda has her Early Educator Certificate from the North Carolina Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development, and is currently working toward a degree in business.

SUMMER THOUGHTS

The summer night is like a
perfection of thought.

Wallace Stevens

Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me
those have always been the two most beautiful
words in the English language.

Henry James

I drifted into a summer-nap under the
hot shade of July, serenaded by a cicadae
lullaby, to drowsy-warm dreams of
distant thunder.

Terri Guillemets

POLICY – SUNSCREEN

If sunscreen is used, the following requirements shall be met:

- Written parent authorization noting any known adverse reactions shall be obtained;
- Sunscreen shall be in the original container labeled with the child's name;
- Sunscreen does not need to be kept locked but shall be inaccessible to children under five years of age.
- Any center-kept sunscreen shall be hypo-allergenic and have a minimum SPF of 15;
- Staff members without medication administration training may apply sunscreen, unless it is prescription sunscreen, in which case the storing and application of the sunscreen must meet medication-related requirements; and
- Children nine years of age and older may administer their own sunscreen if supervised.

WATER PLAY DAYS FOR SUMMER

- LITTLE DIPPERS CLASS: TUESDAY
- BIG DIPPERS CLASS: TUESDAY
- COMET'S CLASS: WEDNESDAY
- SHINING STARS CLASS: WEDNESDAY
- ROCKET'S CLASS: THURSDAY

Please see your child's teacher for details

