

# Early Childhood Research Center

# Newsletter

Summer 2013 - Volume 3, Issue 3

### **Curriculum Unit:**

Caring For Our Global Community

Weeks 1 & 2: North America

Week 3: Africa & Antarctica

#### **Upcoming Events**

July 10<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>: Music Play with Miss Antonella

> July 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>: WATER PLAY

July 11<sup>th</sup> & July 17<sup>th</sup>: Yoga with Miss Katrina

July 15<sup>th</sup>: Dance with Miss Alexia

#### Announcements

We will have <u>*Water Play*</u> on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> \*swimming is cancelled\*

<u>Final</u> Tuition Payment Due: Monday, July 22nd

#### Fall Enrollment

Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to enroll your child for the *morning*, *afternoon* or *full day* fall semester programs.

Our classes are filling up quickly!

#### Welcome new and returning families!

Throughout the summer session the children will be discovering our world! The teachers have already begun to guide them through the seven continents, introducing geographic features, locations and sizes. The children will learn the traditions and cultural practices of various countries throughout our global community.

#### **Summer Learning Objectives**

Our theme of study will allow the children to become familiar with the concept that we live in a big world, made up of both land and water. They will be exposed to the names and locations of land and water masses on maps and/or globes. Together, we will explore the world through stories, songs, interpretive dance, yoga, the creative arts, games, and cooking.

## Here are some of the books that we have read and will continue to enjoy over the next few weeks:

*The Star-Spangled Banner* by Scholastic Publishing *I Am America* by Charles R. Smith Jr. *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn *Wilbur's Tooth Trouble* by Jane Clarke The *Tacky Penguin* series by Helen Lester *What's a Penguin to Think When He Turns Pink* by Lynne Rickards *Filbert Flies* by Karl Ruhmann

#### We want to learn FROM YOU!

As we learn about our Global Community, we would love the children to benefit from the knowledge and experiences of our diverse ECRC families. Please consider sharing your heritage with the children through a story, song, dance, art or cooking activity. We welcome you into our classrooms anytime!

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#### Requests

- We are looking to build our supply of *extra* clothing. Should you have gently used clothing, shoes, boots or outerwear that your children have grown out of, we will gladly accept donations.
- Please send your child to school <u>wearing</u> their bathing suit on swim and water play days.

Thank you!

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# Picture Page!



Above: Adeline spends time at the writing center practicing the letters in her name.



Above: The school agers enjoy their outdoor adventures! Ainsley, Sienna, Claire, Fiona, Juliana, John, Vicky and Elise strike a pose in the field!



Above: Hajun, Praveen and Viraj share boats, ducks and sponges in the soapy water.



Above & Right: Molly, Carter and Haley create fireworks. They blow through the straw and watch the paint splatter!









Above: Sienna enjoys yoga outdoors. Check out her "tree pose"!

Below: Joey practices his "bunny breathing" while taking part in yoga.



Below: Autumn, Liam, Santino, Vicky, Joshua and Maddie take a little break on a hot summer day.

