

# THE MIGHTY OAK NEWSLETTER

June/July 2010



*''Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns grow''*

## SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN

Our family picnic was such a success. Thank you so much for all the yummy food and treats you shared with everyone. It was so nice to have so many families attend and see the children enjoying themselves on the moon bounce.

## ANNUAL LICENSING INSPECTION

We recently had our annual licensing inspection and everything was great. Thank you for turning in your updated immunization records and following our policies. We really appreciate the teamwork!

## PARENT HANDBOOK IS BEING UPDATED

We are currently updating our handbook and changing a few items to keep current with licensing changes, as well as changing some of our existing policies. A couple to mention are the following:

- breakfast items left in the kitchen for your child must be in an air tight container;
- you are allowed 2 weeks vacation a year (not 3) at 50% off your tuition effective January 2011.

When the handbook is complete I will have copies in the office if you would like a new one and I will email all of the changes to you. Thank you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 16:** Butlers Orchard Blueberry picking, leave center at 9:30 sharp  
**August 30:** MCPS first day of school

## WATER DAY KICKOFF

Water day is off to a great start. The children are enjoying splashing around for the morning. We have our water tables out with bubbles, water colors and even some mud for added fun! We also have a hose hanging from a tree to create a shower effect. The children are riding the bikes thru the sprinklers, jumping around thru sprinklers and so much more.

A huge thank you for having your child(ren) ready upon arrival. Being prepared for water day is a great help to our staff. Having so many children to dress can be tricky business, but having everything labeled and easily accessible is the key to success. Please have a complete change of clothes in your bag including a change of underwear, socks and **SHOES**. We understand that some children may not wish to participate in water play. They still need to come dressed in their water clothes. We will still encourage the children to play in the water. Even if they do not play in the water, they may come in contact with water, so they



**Zachary enjoying water day!!**

need to be dressed appropriately. Please be sure your child is ready for the fun. **If your child is not well enough to participate in water day, please keep them at home.**

In the case of a rainy day, we will most likely still have water day. If the temperature is warm enough the children will get a chance to splash in mud puddles and dance in the rain. What a great experience to enjoy the fresh rain without the fear of getting wet.

Because we are outside for an extended period of time on these days we will re-apply sunscreen at 10 AM so their skin is protected.



## LITTLEST ACORNS

## NEWS

The babies have been enjoying the warm mornings outside watching the older children play. They love to visit the garden, touch their toes in the grass and observe all the new sights and sounds. There are many new developments in the baby room! Charlotte Roth (Char) and Noah are both pulling up. We are helping them stand and they love it! Charlotte Hofmann loves to chat and laugh. She has been practicing her tummy time and sitting up. Alix also loves to give us big smiles. She practices her tummy time with Charlotte and loves to sit in front of the mirror in the Bumbo chair.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Rylee who left to spend the summer with her mommy. Ms. Courtney is also going back to school. Ms. Amber will be starting July 1<sup>st</sup> in our room. We are excited to introduce her to your family.

On a lighter note, we will soon welcome Samantha and Liam to our group. We are looking forward to getting to know them!

~ Stephanie, Ms. Rahman & Amber



## SPROUTS GROUP NEWS

The Sprouts are excited that summer is here! We would like to welcome our new friends Dylan, and Daniel into the Sprouts room. Mackenly, one of our oldest toddlers, has moved into the seedlings room. He is excited to see his other friends that have already moved! We will miss him and we wish him the best in the seedlings room!

Water day has been a big hit for our group. They enjoy splashing water, playing with the water toys and exploring wet and dry sand. The Sprouts look forward to circle time too. They have been enjoying the "Wheels on the bus" flannel board story/song. We have also been reinforcing the names of the colors, shapes and textures in both English and Spanish.

Our newest toddler to join the group, Dylan, has adjusted well. He has been open to trying new things and looks forward to a hug everyday. Emma is the newest "teacher" in the group. She loves to remind everyone to wash their hands. Zachary's favorite new word is "uh-oh". Sam has been exploring the beauty of Italy with his family. We have missed him!

Thanks to all the parents for coming to the picnic. It was a wonderful evening for all.

Just a reminder...please bring in labeled, extra clothing, appropriate for the summer! Thank You!

Debie, Norma & Jannelle

## SEEDLINGS GROUP NEWS



Hello Summer!! Hot and humid days are here! We would like to remind all parents to apply sunscreen to their child every morning. When the weather conditions permit, we will go outside at 8:30 a.m. We will reapply sunscreen before we go out in the afternoon!

We have fun themes to cover during the summer. Some of the themes we will be covering will be: International, Rainbow, Camping and Science for July. We send home weekly plans that detail the activities your child will participate in.

The anticipated water days are finally here!

Everyone enjoys joining in and playing during water play, so please do not forget bathing suits and extra clothing.

We welcomed Mackenly and Lila Anne, who recently moved to the Seedlings classroom. We want to thank all our parents who came to the end of the year Family Picnic. We all had a great time, especially the children who enjoyed the Moon Bounce. Once again, we would like to thank the parents who are working on potty training with their children. It's a big step in their development and everyone is so proud of the children's accomplishments!!

--Ericka, Haoua & Tamisha



## SAPLING GROUP NEWS

The Saplings are excited that summer has arrived! Now we are working on our Summer themes. The whole center will be in sync and working on the same themes all summer. The children are looking forward to our water days and our many summer themes coming up. We love to encourage parents to participate! If you have something special that goes along with one of our summer themes, we would really appreciate it if you came in to share it with the class.

Please let one of the teachers know and we could set up a time for you to come in!

The Saplings have been working on a review of the alphabet and counting skills. They have also been thinking of words that start with each letter of the alphabet. In between the review lessons, the children have been working on puzzles, days of the week, seasons, shapes, colors, singing and dancing. Mark your calendars for our special Rainbow weeks, blueberry picking and other special themed days. Thanks again for all those families who came to the picnic. It was nice to see so many families participate.

--Arifa, Michelle & Marie Therese



## OAK TREE GROUP NEWS

What a year we had! Graduation was incredible! We are so proud of our graduates and wish them all great success next year in Kindergarten!

We are looking forward to a fun filled summer! We have started our summer weekly themes and the students have been enjoying the projects. Our water days have also begun and the children are having a blast! They are enjoying eating snack outside and being drenched by the sprinklers! You can find all of the information on Weekly Themes and Water Days on our website!

Starting in July we will have some friends leaving us and new friends joining us. We will miss our old friends and wish them a very happy summer! Our new friends from the Saplings class have been practicing with the Oak Trees and are doing a fantastic job. We are excited for the new additions! A few reminders: please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning before school. We will continue to go outside early in the morning and come in before it becomes too hot. We will reapply sunscreen in the late afternoon before we go back outside. If you are unsure when the water days are, please ask or check our website. Our class begins at 9:30. It is a disruption to our class when we have late arrivals. And finally, we hope you all enjoy the summer!!

--Nicole, Sujata & Jialing



## MIGHTY OAKS GROUP NEWS

The Mighty Oaks had a great end of the year! Our car wash was a super success. We raised almost \$200 for our end of the year party. Thank you to everyone who came by to get their cars washed or just gave donations. Our end of the year party was a big hit. They had pizza, treats and treasure hunt. We wish you all a happy safe summer.

-- Beth & Arlene