

THE MIGHTY OAK NEWSLETTER

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''Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns grow''

SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN

Our family picnic was amazing. Not one drop of rain and a huge attendance. The contributions were delicious and other than the fact that most of the children didn't want to leave the moon bounce all went well. We always enjoy seeing the parents finally meet and make those play dates their children have been asking for. What a great way to kick off the summer and celebrate another successful year at Little Acorns. We appreciate you and are glad you are a part of our family. Thank you again for all the yummy food and treats you shared with everyone.

Summer Fun and Summer Hours

During the summer months we will have a modified office schedule. We will continue to have coverage in the office all hours of the day but you may see us different days of the week. Our new office hours are posted on our office door. Please note that you can always communicate with us through email or call us during the day. Marina is here every morning except Tuesdays, which is the day she closes the center. On the other evenings Mindy is here closing the center with the exception of Fridays when Katie closes. If there is ever a question that needs to be directed to Marina please email or have the office staff call her. There is always someone in charge and if we are not physically in the office we are probably in a classroom helping out with the children. Please stop by anytime.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 14: Groovy Nate Performance
Children only
- August 29: 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, watercolors 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 through 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 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.



Colten, Charlotte H and Liam discover the bubbles in the water table!



LITTLEST ACORNS NEWS

Summer is here and the babies have been spending as much time outside as possible. Samantha and Colten love the sandbox! Emily likes to play in the grass. Alec and Juliet seem to really enjoy the change of scenery. Please remember to send them with sun hats and appropriate clothing. We will apply sunscreen before going outdoors.

Inside the classroom we are staying very busy. Samantha is now standing and loves to take care of her baby dolls. Colten is also standing and loves to bounce! Emily is now crawling and she loves exploring the room. Alec has mastered rolling over and always has a smile for us. Juliet practices her tummy time and she loves to snuggle with her teachers.

We have a wonderful time each day reading, singing and playing with your babies!

~ Stephanie, Ms. Rahman,
Courtney & Amber



SPROUTS NEWS

The Sprouts class were sad to say "see ya soon" to Daniel and Lauren as they moved to the seedlings class. We get to see them on the playground daily though! We welcomed Liam and Alix to the class and they are having a blast. Liam has adjusted well and loves the Sandbox, riding toys and getting messy with art.

Alix has also adjusted wonderfully. She loves to read books, playing with the phone and the riding toys outside.

Charlotte R. is full of energy. She pushes the babies in the stroller and wraps them in blankets. She enjoys the tomato house on our playground. She is a big helper and loves to carry things outside and sits on the riding cars to watch the big kids on the other side of the fence.

Noah is very vocal at circle time and enjoys singing with the group. He loves to shoot balls into the basketball hoop or just carry the ball around the room! He enjoys building with the legos and blocks too.

Charlotte H. is our little book reader. She loves going to the bookshelf and picking out books and brings them to the teachers so we can read them to her.

Dressing up is one of her favorites things to do also. George loves dumping the legos, picking them up and dumping them out again! He also enjoys riding the boat. Outside he enjoys going down the slide and riding the bikes with his friends.

Water day has to be our favorite summer activity so far. The children loved playing in the water table and a few of them loved walking through the sprinkling water. Make sure they have a nice warm towel to wrap up in when they are through. Also please check their clothes bin to be sure we have the right sizes and the right seasonal outfits. Thanks.

~Katie, Norma & Jannelle



pull the wagons, ride bikes and make sand creations. They also enjoy finding flowers, weeds and wood chips from around the playground. Climbing is always great to work on balance and hand eye coordination. We are on the go all day long.

~Ericka, Lalla, Tamisha & BJ



SAPLING GROUP NEWS

The Saplings are excited that the sun is finally warming things up. The children are looking forward to many opportunities to participate in fun and enjoyable water activities. They had a great time getting creative with the water during our first of many water days. We are also looking forward to some fun activities relating to the summer themes. June 20 is beach week and we will be discussing many aspects of the beach. If parents would like to participate in some of our summer themes and have something special or a project to share with the class please let us know. The children love to see parent participation and it can be as simple as a 10 minute story at drop off or pick up. The Saplings have been working on a review of their alphabet and writing skills. The older 3's have been working hard on writing their name and the younger ones have been working on the first letter of their name. There is much creativity and learning going on in every corner of our room so when they are not hard at work writing they are acting as adults in our housekeeping area, creating puzzle masterpieces and constructing art with their creative minds. There is also a lot to be done on a daily basis with our favorite area of legos, cars and blocks. We are just a room in constant motion and hope the wonder continues.

~Michelle, Marie Therese & Jannelle

WE LOVE OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!
Dede Rutberg (Chloe's mom) has story time with the Oak Trees Class

SEEDLINGS GROUP NEWS



During the spring we welcomed some new friends from the Sprouts class. Everyone is doing well with the transition. We also had a great time with a visit from our local police department. Each child had the opportunity

to get inside the police car and interact with the officers. Now that summer is upon us we will switch our focus a bit from our daily letters, numbers, colors and shapes to weekly themes about living things, nutrition, Beach, Science and much more. We will add the weekly water days and stop our mid day outside play-time as the sun is too strong for our skin. Our transitions and self-help skills will continue to be worked on as there is always room for learning new manners and positive words. Our circle time will continue to be filled with a daily concept, story and songs, lots of songs!! We are so proud of our socializing Seedlings. They are using more and more language to communicate important Seedling information.

Some of the fun things the children have been working on is painting at the easel and playing bingo/lotto games. They love to match and sort things and always enjoy pushing their strollers and carts around the room to collect treasures.

While we are outside the children love to push and



OAK TREE GROUP NEWS

Happy summer! What a great year we've had. Congratulations to our graduates, we wish you the best of luck in kindergarten next year and hope you come back to visit. Thank you to all of the families who provided us with delicious snacks for the graduation and the family picnic. What fun times we had during both. We are looking forward to having Ms. Katy (our student teacher) come back to us in July. The children took to her very nicely and are excited to see her again.

We have awesome summer plans with great themes and fun days ahead. Please pay attention to our calendar of events for water days and other "special" days.

A few reminders: We serve snack at 9:30, if your child is not here by then we will not eat again until noon. Please label all water day items and make sure your child has extra summer clothes that still fit in their cubbies.

~Nicole, Haoua & Jialing



MIGHTY OAKS GROUP NEWS

The Mighty Oaks had a great end of the year! Although the summer we will not see one

another we hope to practice all the wonderful manners and friendship behaviors we worked on for the final quarter of the year. We ended our year with a great ice cream party and hope to have many more fun times in the fall together. Stay cool and have fun in camp.

~ Britteny,
Nicole & Ericka

