



## August 2017 Newsletter

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Dear Creative Corner School Families,  
Summer started with a bang and is continuing to be busy. All the children are enjoying the special activities and performances that have come to the school. We are looking forward to August when Animal Craze, Big Joe the Storyteller, The Museum of Science and Caravan of Puppets come to visit. The children are also looking forward to the cool ice cream treats on those summer days. The end of August will be a busy time with children transitioning into their preschool and Pre-k fall classrooms. We anticipate smooth transitions as the children will have time to visit their new classrooms prior to starting. Have a great rest of your summer. Kind regards,  
Jeanne and Sam

### Upcoming Events

**Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 5PM-7:30PM Creative Corner**

**Annual Picnic:** Please Join Us for a Family Picnic at McDonald Field (located on Wendell & Kirk Street). Bring a blanket and a picnic supper. This will be a great opportunity to meet and mingle with staff and other families from CCS. Come and have some fun!!!

**Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> Center will be closed** for a Staff Development day.

**Monday, September 21st, Changing the Door Code:**

We will be changing the door code at the center and will pass it out the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The new code will be effective on Monday, September 21st. The code is for parental drop-off and pick-up only. Please have all other authorized pick-ups buzz in for the safety of your child.

### Staff Updates

It is always hard to say good bye to the college student staff at the end of the summer. Last days are as follow:

Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – Ariana

Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Sam S.

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> -Tessa

Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – Diana A.

Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – Holly

We wish them the best of luck and hope to see them next summer!

### Classroom Highlights

**Infants:** In July, the infants continued to have fun with this wonderful summer weather. They took many walks to the pond, played in the sandbox and had music outside with Miss Pat. The infants really enjoyed water play on the grassy field. Coming in August we will be focusing on amazing animal activities. We will make sea pictures with whip cream and food coloring and animal prints with our hands and feet. We are looking forward to the month of August.

**Toddlers:** We had a great month of July! Our toddlers enjoyed the warm weather by going for walks outside and even to the grassy field. The toddlers were introduced to how important it is to wear sunscreen when it is sunny outside. They also enjoyed the various topics throughout the month, which included mad science. Our toddlers were introduced to group observation when they watched their teachers mix vinegar with baking soda. Our teachers asked questions like "what just happened when I poured the vinegar in the baking soda?" We also had fun doing various art projects during this week. Our toddlers explored making art work with sand, puffy paint, and tin foil.

Now that water play is here we are asking parents to make sure their child comes in wearing his/her bathing suit and sunscreen. We will make sure that we put on your child's water diaper before we go outside to play. We also ask to pack an extra pair of socks, shoes, and clothes to change into after water play is over. Water play is every Tuesday and Friday during the month of August.

**Preschool:** Friends have been having a great summer in Preschool. We have had Lots of activities to beat the summer heat such as water play, visiting the ice cream truck and water table play. We filled our rooms with red, white and blue during our stars and stripes theme, we clapped and sang along to some country favorites during our indoor field trip. Life is a party theme was exciting as some classes made instruments, piñatas and others made yummy homemade ice cream. We rounded off the month watching some awesome magic tricks with Mr. Magic Head and transformed our rooms into an island dream during our luau theme where we made paper flamingos, ate pineapple and listened to island music. We look forward to great fun in August!

**Pre-K and Kindergarten:** In July, we celebrated the week by wearing red, white and blue and learning about patriotism and the American flag. July also brought more sunshine so we could explore ways to keep cool in the summer. We all enjoyed the visit from the ice cream truck and water play in the playground. Next, we headed back to the old west where we learned how to lasso stuffed animals like the real cow folk and were regaled by singer Phillip Alexander with western songs. Then it was on to the big top and we practiced walking our version of a tight rope and jumping through flaming rings of fire (crepe paper). We ended July with a dance party with Mr. D.J in the play space

### **Summer Science**

Explore: the Kitchen is another easily accessible place that invites all kinds of family science investigations. Baking or cooking with your children reinforces math and reading skills and encourages science questions. What happens when you mix those two ingredients together? Why do you need baking soda in those

cookies? How does Jell-O stay together? Do all fruits have the same number of seeds? Food science can be fun, but not all recipes for kitchen science are to eat.



**You can make a Lava lamp in a bottle**

#### **What You Need:**

- bottle
- Vegetable oil
- Water
- Food coloring
- Alka-Seltzer

#### **What You Do:**

1. Fill the bottle most of the way with vegetable oil.
2. Fill the rest of the bottle with water. The water will sink to the bottom under the oil.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring; your choice of color. The food coloring is water-based, so it will also sink and color the water that is now at the bottom of the flask.
4. Break an Alka-Seltzer tablet into a few small pieces, and drop them in the flask one at a time.
5. Watch your lava lamp erupt into activity! As the reaction slows down, simply add more Alka-Seltzer.

#### **What Happened:**

A lava lamp works because of two different scientific principles, density and polarity.



## **Music Enrichment**

In July, your children had fun making and playing musical instruments in class such as shoebox guitars, paper plate maracas, and drums. They also enjoyed singing and dramatizing “Yankee Doodle” to celebrate the Fourth of July and singing “Old Chisholm Trail” and “Home on the Range” to complement *Home on the Range* Week. Scarf activities and dancing kept everyone moving! Looking ahead to August, we will be singing some barnyard, Hawaiian and camp songs. Here is a great little chant you might enjoy doing with your little ones!

### ***I Took a Walk to Town***

#### ***Traditional Chant***

*I took a walk to town one day  
And met a cat along the way.  
What do you think that cat did say?  
“Meow, meow, meow!”*

*I took a walk to town one day  
And met a cow along the way.  
What do you think that cow did say?  
“Moo, moo, moo!”*

*I took a walk to town one day  
And met a horse along the way.  
What do you think that horse did say?  
“Neigh, neigh, neigh!”*

*I took a walk to town one day  
And met a dog along the way.  
What do you think that dog did say?  
“Woof, woof, woof!”*

*I took a walk to town one day  
And met a pig along the way.  
What do you think that pig did say?  
“Oink, oink, oink!”*



**Magical Fun**

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