“All About Me”

The center’s “interest topic” this month is “All About Me”. Each teacher will design learning goals that are age-appropriate on this topic. Please look for a weekly letter from your child’s teacher discussing weekly learning goals and other information.

Mississippi Early Learning Guides

USM Center for Child Development uses The Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines which are age-appropriate learning goals. The guidelines include competencies in five major areas: language, math and reasoning, scientific understanding, social and emotional development, and physical development. The center will be keeping a record on the development progress of each child. Your child’s teacher will schedule parent conferences three times a year (or as needed) to discuss your child’s progress.

Center Closed for Professional Development

The center will be closed August 1 and 2, 2013 for Professional Development. The faculty/staff will be in Hattiesburg during those days. Please see attached sheet for the 2013-2014 closing dates for the center.

Tuition is already prorated to reflect all holiday and professional development closings.

Monthly Newsletter

Annual Registration Fee

The annual registration fee will be waived this year for the families who stayed with us from Pass Christian’s Child Center.

All new families will pay the initial registration fee.

Everyone will be asked to pay an annual registration fee August, 2014 of $100.00.

Important Dates

August 1- 2, 2013, the center will be closed for Faculty/Staff professional development.

August 21, 2013, current USM student teacher’s last day.

August 22, 2013, USM Fall Semester begins and first day for new student teachers.

*We will be having our Grand Opening this month. You will be notified when the date is set.

Reminders:

Center Hours: 6:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Late fee policy: Parents are expected to call the office in the event they will be late in picking up their child. Parents will be charged $15.00 per child for the first five minutes they are late (up to 5:35 PM) and $1.00 per minute per child thereafter except in cases of emergency, late fee will be calculated based upon your family’s departure time, not the parent’s arrival time.

Monthly Tuition: Infant/Toddler $615.00 2-4 yrs. $525.00
This Week’s Assignments

This week in Science we will be studying animals, including dinosaurs and pets, as well as astronomy. Children will be required to complete an in-depth science report on the animal of their choice by next Wednesday morning. Our trip to the zoo on Thursday may inspire some creative choices!

We will also work on geometry problems in Math homework. In Social Studies, we will read a book about the culture of the Inuit people, who used to be called Eskimos.

Monday
Today we are learning about dinosaurs.

Tuesday
Today we are learning about pets.

Wednesday
Today we are learning about the solar system.

Thursday
Today we are going on a field trip to the zoo.

Friday
Today we have a special guest from the fire department to tell us about fire safety.

Upcoming Events

- Bring money for field trip lunch
- Bring umbrella in case it rains
- Think of a costume for Friday’s assembly

Classroom Open House
Tuesday, September 6, 7:30 P.M.

Ice Cream Social with the Faculty
Friday, September 9, 5 P.M.

School Assembly
This week's school assembly is on storybook characters. Children may dress up like a character on Thursday. (You might want to bring a change of clothes for the rest of the day.) Costumes can be as simple as a hat or a small picture of your character pinned to your shirt. Have fun.

Reminders to Parents

Your child will need the following supplies this year:
1. backpack
2. 3 spiral notebooks
3. 1 box of pencils
4. erasers
5. rulers
6. compass
7. lunch box

Thank You Students!