August already! I simply cannot believe how quickly July flew. With the new month, comes many new exciting events at the CCD. Please remember the open house/meet the teachers/going away event for Mr. Jeff on Monday, August 8th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. This will be a come and go event. Be sure to get a scavenger sheet with your child at the front and work together to collect letters from each classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the friendly faces you see around the center but maybe have not formally met yet. There will also be light refreshments served.

Also beginning this month is the sad “see you later” to our wonderful summer student teachers. Ainsley, Brentley, Savannah, Alexis, Betsy, and Maddi have all had such wonderful impacts on our children, and we are sad to see them go. As usual, we have a new round of students coming in starting August 23rd. We have quite a large group of student teachers this time, and I am so excited to let them spread their wings a bit.

You will also see some more new faces when the semester starts with lab students coming in and out, as well as some new work study students. As always, we strive to do our best making sure that you know who they are. Be sure to see the name tags posted outside of the classroom door to see who is in the room. I think this is a great system to help identify who’s who.

I have had such an amazing first month helping to lead this center towards quality care and relationships. Please know that if I can do anything for you, my door is always open. I appreciate any feedback you may have for us. Thanks for all you do!

Best Wishes,
Stephanie Haney

From Mrs. Melissa’s Class...

August is a very exciting month for our little infants. We will be discussing transportation. We will do activities involving transportation on land, in the air, and in the water. The infants will get to ride around in teacher made vehicles, explore vehicles in the water, and help make a classroom mural of a hot air balloon. I am very excited to jump in there and get creative with our little ones.
Check out these fun titles for Infants and Toddlers

Recommended Reading...

3 books for birth to 12 months:
- Peek-a-whoo, Nina Laden
- Guess how much I love you, Sam McBratney
- Blue hat, green hat, Sandra Boynton

3 books for 12-18 months:
- I love you through and through, Bernadette Rossetti Shostak
- On the night you were born, Nancy Tillman
- 10 Kisses, Karen Katz

3 books for 18 months to 2 years:
- Bear’s loose tooth, Karma Wilson
- LMNO Peas, Keith Baker
- Whoever you are, Mem Fox

3 books for 2 years to 2-1/2 years:
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Bill Martin Jr.
- Sleep Big Bear, Sleep, Maureen Wright
- Slugs in love, Susan Pearson

3 Books for 3-4 years:
- Love is…, Heidi Pross Gray
- I love you forever, Robert Munsch
- The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein

Books for 2-1/2-3 years:
- I love you, Stinky-face, Lisa McCourt
- A book of sleep, Il Sung Na
- Goodnight, Little Monster, Helen Ketteman

Books for 3-4 years:
- Love is…, Heidi Pross Gray
- I love you forever, Robert Munsch
- The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein

3 Books for 4-5 years:
- We are all born free: The universal declaration of human rights in pictures, Amnesty International
- I have a right to be a child, Alain Serres
- Child of the Civil Rights Movement, Paula Young Shelton

3 Books for 5 years and up:
- Sister Anne’s Hands, Marybeth Lorbiecki
- Where the Wild Things Are, Maurice Sendak

Look for these at your public library!

"Today is the day to learn new things."

The 4 E’s: TAKE A BOOK TOUR...

- Explore the parts of a book with your child, including the title page, the dedication and table of contents, page numbers and index.
- Explain what the author does and what an illustrator does for the book.
- Experience it! Allow them to feel the cover, smell the pages, listen the crinkle of turning pages and explore the pictures before reading it.
- Estimate it! Ask your child what they think/predict about the story based on what they’ve seen and share your ideas.
August Resources

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*“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”*  
-C.S. Lewis

*Closing are subject to change due to changes in the USM holiday calendar, closings by the university president, and in-
This month Ms. Sherrie’s class will be doing two themes. The first theme will be summer. We will be learning about sights, taste, and activities that we associate with summer. The second theme will be transportation. We will be dividing this theme into three parts. We will be learning about transportation in the sky, on the land, and on water. We will be learning about pilots, engineers, and ship’s captains around the globe. We have a lot of fun activities planned.

From Mrs. Sharla’s Class

During August we will be talking about Summer (week 1) and transportation for the rest of the month. For our summer theme we will be talking about the beach, sharing family beach photos, and making sandcastles out of sandpaper just to name a few things. For transportation we will be exploring the different types of transportation and setting up Route 66 in the hallway. This month promises to be full of excitement and I can’t wait to get started!

From Ms. Samantha’s Class

Where did the summer go? August is here and soon Fall will be on the way with exciting new activities to explore. For the month of August, we are thrilled to have a transportation and sports theme. For the transportation theme we will learn about different ways to travel such as by air, water and land. Following the transportation theme is sports. And what better way to learn about sports than by USM’s sport teams—football, basketball, soccer….. SMTTT!

From Mrs. Myrna’s class...

We spent the month of July discussing food and gardening. We enjoyed tasting and exploring all the different foods we consume from a garden. For the month of August, we will have a special Meet and Greet for the parents on August 8, 2016. Hopefully each of you will be able to attend. We will introduce the children to the different transportation we use daily. We will be discussing the different vehicles the children are transported in to school each day. We will also be discussing emergency vehicles, airplanes, boats and trains. We will be creating a transportation collage of different vehicles and the people that drive each. We will also say good bye to Ms. Alexis as she completes her student teaching. We will wish her well.
From Mrs. Zkela’s class...

I’m so excited about the new school year. We will welcome new students and a new student teacher to our classroom. We will also say good-bye to Ms. Savannah, as she moves on to the next chapter in her life. This month, we will learn about Sports, Taking Care of our Classroom, Friendship, All about Me, and Family. The letters for the month are O, P, Q, R and S. Also, the children will listen to stories; explore; play games; create art; continue to learn how to work together; write; recognize numbers; shapes; and etc. We are going to have so much fun learning about these units.

From Mrs. Bridgitte’s class...

The month of August marks the beginning of a new semester and is full of new adventures for us as we continue to welcome new children into their first Pre-school classroom experience. We are looking forward to getting to know each of the children and their unique personalities. We will start the month of August by learning about summer sports with a Black and Gold theme that will extent into our open house on Monday August 8th. We hope everyone will come visit our room!

Next we will shift our focus toward learning how to take care of our classroom and how to play in centers. The last two weeks in August will be filled with fun activities helping us learn more about each other and how to be a good friend to each other. We welcome everyone to come check out all of the fun we have going on each day! I encourage you all to remember the words of Mr. Rogers. “Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play IS serious learning!”

From Mrs. Carmen’s class...

August is here, and so is the heat. Just a reminder that we will continue to have water day every Friday through at least the end of August. Remember to bring a change of clothes and a towel for your child. Also we will have some of our students moving to Ms. Zkela's class as well as some new students in our class. We are looking forward to the new changes and will miss all the students moving up. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Love,

Ms. Carmen

“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard.”

- Kevin Durant
From Ms. Rachel’s class...

We are spending the first few weeks of August welcoming our new friends into preschool. We will start off with the very important theme, "Building Our Classroom Community." This is where we will go over the flow of things in the class and learn all about the centers and what to do in them. Then we move on to, "Taking Care of Our Classroom." This week will be a continuation of the previous week and we will add on the classroom rules and how to use the materials in the centers correctly. The third week will be "Friendship" where we will learn appropriate ways to make and keep friends! Week 4 is "All About Me." Of course, we will spend this week getting to know one another better! Lastly, we have "Family" where we will learn about the wonderful people at home who help shape these young minds. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you and I know this will be a great year!

Plan ahead for leftovers on those hectic back to school days...
Family Activities

National Back to School Month

What does August bring for you? Are you preparing to go back to school – or have kids who are? Or maybe you’re shopping for pencils, backpacks and notebooks for your school-bound kids. Perhaps you’re starting a new volunteering effort? Either way, the autumn season usually marks a time of change for many of us.

What changes will your family be making this school year?

M& M School Bus Math

- M&Ms (or other counters)
- contact paper/laminating paper to laminate the bus template
- dice
- white board marker

1. Roll the die and have your child read the number that lands face up. You (or they) can write the number in the bus window with a white board marker. Add that many "windows" or "people" (counters) to the bus. This way works on number recognition and counting.

2. Roll the die two times. Have your child add the two numbers together (in their head or using counters) and then write the sum inside the bus window. Then they can count up the M&Ms and add the total number of M&Ms to the bus. This way works on number recognition, counting, and simple addition.

Create your own way to play!