Summers at the CCD are typically a time of transition. This summer is certainly no different. Some children have begun moving to their new teachers and classrooms and many more will be moving throughout the summer as we send on children to kindergarten and invite new children and families to join us.

This summer will also see a transition in terms of the director of the CCD. I have accepted a tenure-track faculty position with the Division of Education on the College Park campus at Mississippi State University. The search for a new director for the CCD is underway and interviews will begin very soon. The goal is to have the new director in place very soon so I can train the new person before I leave in mid-August.

I have thoroughly enjoyed leading both of the CCD's over these past few years. It has been a great opportunity to both build relationships and grow professionally. I plan to stay in touch as I move into the next phase of my career. Thank you for allowing me to serve your family.

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From Ms. Stephanie’s Class...
As the weather warms up, the babies will cool down by studying "Under the Sea" for the first two weeks of June. We will follow that up by Ms. Betsy's chosen theme of "Around the World" where we will study about different countries and increase our multicultural awareness. Finally, we will conclude the month by studying "Stars and Stripes" to ring in the 4th of July. We are looking forward to a great month ahead!
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 2-1/2 to 3 years:
- I love you, Stinky-face, Lisa McCourt
- A book of sleep, Il Sung Na
- Goodnight, Little Monster, Helen Ketteman

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

3 Books for 3-4 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

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.

Look for these at your public library!

“The more that you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more you will grow.”

-Dr. Seuss
June Resources

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Www.nea.org
Www.developingchild.harvard.edu
Www.hummingbird.com
Www.preschoolbystormie.com

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“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of children.”
-Fred Rogers
From Ms. Sherrie’s class...

For the Month of June, Ms. Sherrie’s class will be learning about Animals that live under the sea. We will discuss the different types of animals, where they live, and we will look at different picture of the animals. The last week of June Ms. Sherrie’s class will be learning about stars and stripes. We will look at pictures of the American flag, and we will discuss the colors red, white, and blue. We are looking forward to a month full of learning and exploring in Ms. Sherrie’s classroom.

From Mrs. Sharla’s class...

Week 1 and 2– Under the Sea
Week 3– Bugs
Week 4– Circus
Week 5– Stars & Stripes

We are sad to say goodbye to old friends but look forward to getting to know new friends! Stay tuned for super fun things planned for our themes!

From Ms. Samantha’s Class

We are excited to get outside and play with lots of sunshine and beautiful weather. For the first two weeks of June, we will begin with an Under the Sea theme. Throughout this theme we will explore water, animals that live in the water and sand. We will also make ocean bottles and experiment with turning water blue as well as experiment with things that sink or float in the sand and water table. Following the Under the Sea theme, we will continue to explore the beginning of summer with a theme focused on sunshine and the beach. To wrap up June, the last theme will help bring in the July 4th holiday where we will have learning activities that will be centered around a Stars and Strips theme. We are looking forward to lots of water play, sand and fun in the sun!

From Ms. Myrna’s class...

“To be in your children’s memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today”

-Anonymous

Time has flown. The children are growing up and moving on to their next class. We will start the month of June with an Under the Sea theme. We will have two weeks of discussing the coolness of the water, sea creatures and plants that live in the sea. We will also do a classroom collage showing the different colors and shapes of the items. The last two weeks our theme will be Summer. We will talk about vacations, things we do in the summer, the clothes we wear, places to visit and some of the foods we eat during the summer. We will also be having a center wide family function at Kamper Park on June 17, 2016. We will kick off our outside water play on June 24, 2016.
From Mrs. Zkela’s class...

This month, we will learn about Eric Carle books, pets, desert animals, stars and stripes. The letters for the month are G,H,I, and J. 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...

This month is packed with fun and excitement! We will begin by taking a look at our favorite books written by Eric Carle. Next, we will learn all about our favorite pets and how to take care of them. Be on the lookout for a few of our animal friends to come visit us at school!! Later in the month we will explore the dessert and the animals that live there. We will wrap things up with a celebration of stars and stripes that will include a family picnic.

We are looking forward to our center wide field trip to the zoo on June 17th, and we hope to have all our families and friends join us for the fun. Beginning on Friday, June 10th, every Friday will be water play day at school. We will have so much fun playing in sprinklers and other water activities on our playground! Preschool is so much fun!

From Mrs. Carmen’s class...

Dear Parents,

Summer is here, and we are excited to announce that every we will have Water Day. Each child will need to have their swimsuit, little swimmers (if needed), and some water shoes. We will start this Friday, June 10th, and continue this until at least August. Also to help cool off the children, we are asking parents to donate popsicles, and wipes to help cool us off during these hot summer months. Please also remember to have several changes of clothes for your children, either in their book bags or in boxes located in the cubbies. The change of clothes should include shirts, shorts, underwear, socks, and if possible shoes.

“A child can teach an adult three things... To be happy for no reason. To always be busy with something. And to know how to demand with all his might that which he desires.”

Paulo Coelho
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From Ms. Rachel’s class...

I cannot believe that we are already half way through 2016! Time has flown by! Most of our class of 2016 preschool graduates have moved on and we are welcoming new friends into our room. It is an exciting time for Ms. Rachel's class! This month we will start off learning about the wonderful world of Eric Carle! There will be lots of fun art activities to go along with this theme! Next, we will learn about pets and all that comes along with caring for them. After that, we will stroll right along into learning about desert animals. This is a new theme for our classroom and I am excited to learn right along with the children. Our final theme for the month with be stars and stripes. This is going to be a great month!

Create a summer Olympics course outside...
Family Activities

Strawberry Yogurt Popsicles

1 cup fresh or frozen chopped strawberries
1 cup low fat vanilla yogurt
Ice cube tray
12 wooden popsicle sticks

Combine strawberries and yogurt. Mix well. Fill ice cube tray with mixture and cover with plastic wrap. Insert sticks through the wrap. Freeze. Gently remove plastic wrap and serve.