Dear families,

This spring feels like it just flew by, and I know that summer will too! June is a great month because it means warm weather, time with family, and many opportunities to make memories. I hope that you are able to create some wonderful memories with your children this month.

Based on feedback from a recent Parent Advisory Board meeting, I would like to share some information with you about one of the many family supports the CCD has available. Please see the blurb from one of our Family Resource Coordinators, Lily Welch, below:

Hello CCD Parents!

As a part of the CCAMPIS program, we host Parent’s Night Out one night a month. The event lasts from 5:30-8:30 on the designated night and allows for parents to have a “night out” while their children play with other CCD students after hours. Both CCAMPIS Family Resource Coordinators host all of the registered children with eating pizza and playing games throughout the night. While this is a part of CCAMPIS, the night is also open to other CCD parents. For CCAMPIS children, the night is free and for all others, it is $10 for 1 child and $15 for two children. Dates are determined on a monthly basis based on the Family Resource Coordinator's clinic schedule. A sign-up sheet will be posted a week in advance on the white board by the front door. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at lily.welch@usm.edu or 251-581-4200.

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Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Best Wishes,

Stephanie Haney, Director

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Happy Birthday

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Important Dates:

- June 14th: Parents Night Out
- June 5th: USM Classes start and students return to CCD
From Mrs. Melissa’s class…

The month of June is sure to be a wet one. The infant class will start the month off with a theme of "Fun with Water." We will do all sorts of activities with water. There will be car washes, calming bottles, painting with water colors and more. We will then do a lesson on "Under the Sea" for two weeks. As we welcome the first day of summer (June 20th) we will start the final lesson of the month with a theme on "Summer & Beach." I'm looking forward to some fun in the sun!

From Mrs. Sherrie’s class…

We had so much fun last month. We loved learning about the rainforest and the animals that call the rainforest home. Our favorite animal sound was a gorilla. On any given day our class would suddenly transform into the jungle. We really enjoyed planting and taking care of our garden and getting messy with our great outside art day. Next month we will be learning about things that are associated with summer. We will have picnics to enjoy summer treats and start our water play. We will learn about what types of cloths are worn, and talk about the sun and ways to protect us while being on the beach. We will explore our own aquarium of underwater sea life. We will discover seashells of different sizes and textures. We will learn about Mississippi’s Gulf Coast and the industries that harvest sea life for food. We will discuss fun summer activities. We have lots of exciting activities planned.

From Mrs. Sharla’s class…

June is my FAVORITE month! We are going to explore "under the sea" and "the beach". This year, for a bit of fantasy and extra fun I will be including mermaids. Be ready for some serious water play and to bring beach gear.

From Mrs. Myrna’s class…

Aloha, as we enter the month of June our themes will be Hawaii (Luau), Under the Sea and Summer/Beaches. We will also kick off our weekly water play on Friday afternoon. For our Hawaiian theme, we will listen to a variety of music (Hawaiian), and introduce the children to the dance of Hawaii (hula). We are going to work hard on these steps and perform for the other infant/toddler classrooms. We will end our week of Hawaii with a tasty tropical smoothie. Afterwards, we will stroll along the Beach line and see what creatures we can find waiting on us Under the Sea, as we experience all the fun activities the summer has to offer such as family vacations, sand, water and of course our favorite summer foods.

From Mrs. Samantha’s class…

Can you believe that we are already 6 months into the year! Summer for us has arrived. With the warmer weather, please be sure to bring changing clothes that are summer appropriate, water cups daily and sunscreen. For the month of June, we are excited to begin some fun summer themes. This month we will begin with a fun Luau theme. Afterwards, the themes will include Summer, Sun and Beach with a variety of water play activities. We look forward to a great month and can’t wait to get started.
From Mrs. Bridgitte’s class…

The month of May will filled with so much celebration and excitement for our class! Five classmates celebrated their 3rd birthday and several parents graduated from USM!! Congratulations to everyone! Our garden is looking great! We have several blooms on our tomatoes, squash, peppers, and egg plants. We are currently drying some basil and mint leaves, and we are looking forward to seasoning our lunch and water soon!! Now as we look ahead to the month of June we are excited that our summer is about to begin!! We will be exploring many books by two of our favorite authors, Eric Carle and Leo Lionni. We will also be learning about desert animals and pets. Every Friday will be water play day!! We are also excited about taking several golf cart field trips around the campus. Bring on the summer fun!!

From Mrs. Zkela’s class…

This month, we will learn about Eric Carle Books, Pets, Desert Animals, and Leo Lionni Books. The letters for the month are F, G, H, and I. 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. Kimmy’s class…

Well, May has now passed. We are entering June of 2017. The warm weather is setting in, and will only get warmer...It’s going to be a hot one. During June, we have such fun topics to learn about. We will learn about two famous Authors of children’s Books; Leo Lionni-a Dutch author and Eric Carle-an American author. These two authors wrote such amazing works for children and adults alike. We will also learn about Pets and Desert Animals. Be sure to read all e-mails sent to you. We will have special days and special requests during these weeks.

From Mrs. Rachel’s class…

Well, we have hit the halfway point in the year! We only have a few more short months with your children, so we plan to have lots of fun while we can! I want to extend our appreciation to everyone who helped us with graduation. The children did an AMAZING job! The first and last weeks of this month we will be doing two different author studies. The first will be all about Eric Carle and the last week of the month will be all about Leo Lionni. Then second week we will talk about pets. We will learn about the different types of pets there are and how to be responsible for them. After that, we will explore dessert animals. This is a new theme for me to do and I cannot wait to learn with the children! I know we will have a super month!
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Key Pads
Please help us to ensure the safety of all children in the center by not allowing children to push the green button at the front door or to try pushing in numbers on the outside keypads. I know that it is a big draw for the children, but we don’t want them to get into the habit of pushing the buttons. All too soon, they will be tall enough to actually reach it independently, and we want to make sure that they aren’t in the habit of opening the door. Thank you!

Parking Reminder
Please help us to ensure the smooth flow of traffic during busy pick-up and drop-off times by refraining from parking in the middle lane. This lane should be used for driving through only.

Water Play Days
As the weather gets warmer, many classrooms will start having weekly water plays. These are always so fun and the children really enjoy them! We are looking forward to many great days enjoying the sun and fun. Please get with your lead teacher if you have any questions!

Sunscreen and Bug Spray
As the weather warms up and the sun gets brighter, please keep in mind our sunscreen and bug spray policy. We ask that you apply anything necessary for the morning outside time, and then the teachers can reapply for the afternoon. Please be sure to label all belongings.

Congratulations
Last month and during the next couple of months, we have quite a few families that will be welcoming new babies into the world. The CCD would like to congratulate them and welcome them to the family!