

# Children's House Chatter

## Juniors Class:

Welcome back older children! We've been starting out this summer soaking up as much fresh air as we can before it gets too hot. We've been to Allsopp Park, the pool, Pulaski Heights playground, and nature walks. We've also been researching all things ocean; ocean life, pollution, and the different ocean zones. Please drop your child off with sunscreen and bug spray already on. Thank you!

## Upstairs Class:

We are having so much fun this summer! We have enjoyed planting, watering and eating tomatoes, squash, bell peppers, celery, strawberries and harvesting herbs. Water play is a big hit with most of the children. We also do lessons every day and we are learning the biomes in all the continents! So far, we have completed ocean, rainforest, tundra and Savannah, incorporating our beautiful safari animals and new matching cards. On that note, we are recently missing two Tasmanian devils. and a hummingbird. please keep an eye out as these are expensive to replace. We appreciate the return of several gemstones and shells that made it to someone's home. This year Ariana Beaudoin, a CHMS alumni is helping us and we also welcome Rafaella Calixto as our new assistant teacher.

## Outside Class:

During this Month of June, we started our children's water play days every Tuesday & Thursday. We also have taken the children on a small field trip walking on the sidewalks around the school. The children also experienced a new chick being born and added to our current flock of baby chicks which now stands at 5. The children have joined Mrs. Nancy's class on occasion to enjoy singing new songs. Upcoming on the 4th of July the children will be singing at the hillcrest Merchants association (HMA) where they will enjoy an ice cream social with free cookies as well at 5:50pm.

## Toddler Class:

Happy Summer Solstice! In the Toddler Community we have been working hard on our practical life and grace and courtesy exercises. What is Practical Life? Practical everyday tasks. These are the daily activities that aid in the development of the child's coordination, concentration, order, and independence. Some practical life and grace and courtesy activities we have been working on are self-dressing, toileting, hand washing, setting the table, sitting properly in the chair, pushing in our chair, cutting bananas, eating with utensils, cleaning up spills, and drinking from a cup. We will continue to work on these activities and add more and promote the autonomy of the children.

## Infant Class:

We welcome Rae, Charlie, and Lucy to our class. We are happy to have them join us. The little ones have been working and mastering sitting unassisted while also learning how to pull up as well as crawling. The older ones have been busy working and mastering walking, standing unassisted and continuing to work on growing their vocabulary by learning my work/toy, more, milk, water, please, thank you and adding other words to those each day. If you have not brought in weather appropriate spare clothing or were asked to bring in supplies, please send those in. The older kids have been enjoying the nice weather outside as well as water play day so, please make sure they are dressed weather appropriate each day and have hard bottom shoes.

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## Quote of the Month

“There must be provision for the child to have contact with nature; to understand and appreciate the order, the harmony and the beauty in nature,”

*The Secret of Childhood*  
-Dr. Maria Montessori

## School-Wide Helpful Tips & Dates to Remember...

- Please restock your child's bag with weather appropriate extra clothes, swim suits, a towel, bug spray, and sunblock.
- Send your child in closed toed, secure, supportive shoes. No boots. No cros.
- **IMPORTANT DATES:**
  - **July 1<sup>st</sup>** – Monthly Tuition, lunch, and fee payments due.
  - **July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Hillcrest Merchants Association Annual Ice Cream Social on Kavanaugh Blvd. Our students will lead the patriotic songs for this event. The Junior, Upstairs, & Outside Class students have been preparing and are encouraged to attend. We will perform in front of the trees in front of Kroger. Students should gather there by 5:50 PM and will start singing at 6PM. Singing to be followed by a live band, free ice-cream, cookies, and activities for all along the Boulevard. All families are welcome.
  - **July 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>** – School Closed in Observance of Independence Day. **NO** School. **No** Child Care.