



Auntie's Home Daycare June 2009 Newsletter

Summer Changes

SUMMER is upon us! We always go through several changes with the summer season. First and foremost are the changes in our OUTDOOR routines. With the extreme temperatures we face in these months especially, we generally only have one outdoor time each day. This time, obviously, is in the morning before it gets too hot. Most days, we will have breakfast, circle time and/or a short activity and then head outside.



Sunscreen **ALERT**: The use of sunscreen is **HIGHLY recommended** for all children in my care; however, I do not provide the sunscreen. If you wish your child to wear sun-block, please apply it before sending your child to daycare. Waterproof sunscreen is best since we do have water activities scheduled (including but not limited to "water day".)

Speaking of **WATER DAY**...water day will now be **WEDNESDAYS**. This is because that is my scheduled watering day (with sprinkler). We have been known to have impromptu water days on other days. Sometimes our water table activities just "get out of hand". As always, Auntie recommends sending some sort of suit or extra clothes to keep here for just such an occasion.

With school coming to an end, the other big summer change is the addition of our school-aged group to the daycare day. While continuing with our normal activities, we incorporate the older kids' activities. Most of their "formal" learning activities happen during the nap period. They are able to be buddies and mentors to the younger kids. They even lead some of the teaching throughout the day!



Themes this Month

This month we have several fun themes planned!

First, we'll start off with our **SHAPES** theme.

Next, we'll learn about **BEACHES** and **BOATS**.

BEES will be the theme the third week of the month.

We'll end the month with **MUSIC** and **RYTHMN!**

Coming Soon...Tattling Turtle

Soon your child will be introduced to our newest friend, **Tattling Turtle**. He's a soft cuddly little guy who'll help us when we have the urge to "give the play-by-play" on our friends. Here's what the kids will hear:

Tattling Turtle will listen to you when you have something to say.

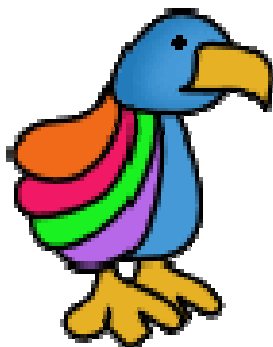
Just talk to him or write it down and tell what happened today.

But if you or anyone else is hurt, please do not delay,

Come to Auntie so she can help and make sure that you're okay.

I've been trying to stress to the children that there are times that we should tell (someone's hurt or something's getting mistreated or broken, big rules are getting broken), and sometimes when we don't need to tell (he looked at me, her shoe is in my cubby, I wanted to sit by her, he keeps saying I'm not big, etc.)

Tattling Turtle will be another great outlet for them to tell their frustrations to.



This Month's Highlights

Vacation is scheduled for June 22nd -25th. Daycare will be closed. Payments are due June 19th.

Julia will be adopted later this month. Congratulations to her and her family!

This is **National Milk Month**. Also, this is **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month**. The importance of healthy eating is in the spotlight. Encourage your child to try at least one new fruit and one new vegetable this month! You try one too!

Email Communication

If you would like, you can receive your copy of the monthly newsletter along with other news via email.

You can also get your receipts by email.

Also, I am always taking pictures of the kids. I'd love to share pics of your child with you. Sometimes the activities that are the greatest are not the ones they bring home.

Let me know if you want to get communication this way. All I will need is your email address. If you choose not to go the email route, it's no problem. Pictures are on the slideshows on the website and are updated as often as possible.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have brought in toilet paper rolls, egg cartons, plastic bottles, and more! We can always use those types of recyclables, but especially for this month's themes! Keep them coming!