

# Small Wonders Learning Center June 2017 Newsletter



## From the Office:

Welcome Summer time! It's a busy time around here as the school year comes to an end, and the summer fun begins. As always, summertime brings a lot of changes for us at Small Wonders. Some of our friends will be leaving for the summer while others will be joining us for the first time. Some of our friends will be moving into new classrooms while others will no longer need care. For those friends that have grown with us through the years and now no longer need care, we wish you the best and hope that you come back to see us once in a while! For those who are leaving for the summer, we hope you have a great one and we look forward to seeing you in August. Finally, for those friends who will be moving into a new classroom, congratulations on your big move!

Miss Marta: It is with a heavy heart that we would like to let our families know that Miss Marta from our Toddler Room lost her son, Philip in a plane crash Memorial Day weekend. Services will be held at New Life Assembly of God, 2416 N. Wright Road, Janesville on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am for visitation with services to follow at 1:00pm.

Milton Summer School Program: Summer school begins Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. During the four weeks of the Milton Summer School program, your tuition will be charged according to your hours in our care. Your times will be adjusted for the time the kids are at summer school. Please note that we do have a staff person ride with the children on the bus to and from the summer school program. Please arrive by 7:45am if your child is riding the bus to summer school. In addition, please note that the fees for the Summer School Bus had changed to \$38.50 due to additional sign-ups and the fact that there is no bus available on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>. All fees were applied to accounts on May22nd. If you pre-paid, a credit for the difference was applied. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Last Day of School: Reminder there is an early release on the last day of school, Wednesday June  $7^{th}$ . Only those friends who signed up for care may attend. In addition, if care is not needed for your child for summer, your child's last day is June  $7^{th}$ . If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the office.

Sunscreen & Bug Spray: If you choose to send in sunscreen and/or bug spray, you must fill out a medication form for each item. This form is good for the entire summer. We strongly recommend that you send in sunscreen for your child as we plan to spend lots of time outside. In addition, please check the expiration dates on your items. If an item is expired or we cannot read it, we will not be able to use it. You will also need a medication form for lip balm. Medication forms are available by the elevator. All items must be in their original containers, which means siblings may not share unless they are in the same classroom. When filling out for sunscreen please make sue to fill out all areas on form and to include the name of the sunscreen and the SPF number. In addition, you may not put "as needed" on the form. It must state "apply prior to sun exposure" or "apply prior to outside activities".

Labeling: Please label every item that you bring in for your child. This includes bottles, pacifiers, nap items, extra clothing, sunglasses, sunscreen, etc... We have several children with the same or similar items. If you are not sure if something needs to be labeled, please ask your child's teachers. We also have black permanent markers available in the office.



Playground/ Field Trips: Reminder, it is required that you child wear closed toed shoes with a back for outside time and field trips. If they do not have them on the playground, they will not be allowed on the equipment. If they do not have them for field trips, they will not be able to attend. An extra pair of shoes can be kept in their cubby to change into.

**Cellphones**: For safety and courtesy reasons, please put your cellphones away while you are dropping off or picking up your children. It is important for our staff to have open communication with you regarding your child. Thank you.

Elevator Usage: Our elevator is provided for those that need it. At no time should children be using it alone. If your child wants to ride the elevator, an adult must accompany him or her. In addition, if someone inadvertently presses the red emergency button while using the elevator, please wait for the person to come over the intercom and let him or her know what happened. If you leave without speaking to them, they will send emergency services to make sure everything is okay.

Center Closed: In observation of Independence Day, we will be closed on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your holiday weekend with family and friends. Wishing all our Dads a "Happy Father's Day"!



Happy Summer! Miss Beth, Miss Terri and Miss Julia



#### From the Sunshine Room:

Summer is here at last, hooray! © We have a very exciting month planned for our little ones. Our learning discovery for June will include Father's Day, Weather, Birds and Picnic Foods. We will also be busy making our Father Day Gifts! Our activities this month are designed to promote our eye-hand coordination along with strength, control and object manipulation. Our little hands will be busy as we explore stacking shaker bottles, crinkling tissue paper and ripping magazines! How Fun!

As always we will enjoy music and other "attention grabbers" to help stimulate our sensory processing. Our friends absorb so much through their senses as they explore and play. We will also work on our core strength as we focus on rolling over, sitting up, and crawling as well as our walking skills. All of our friends are getting more mobile every day.

Our learning will include talking about dads and all they do for us, learning about the weather, and enjoying some water play. We will also be learning about birds and the sounds they make along with the type of foods you eat on a picnic.

Now that the nice weather has arrived, we will be spending more time outside going on walks, playing in the grass and enjoying water activities. To help protect their precious eyes and skin from the sun, please remember to bring in a hat and shoes for your infant every day. In addition, don't forget to label everything that you send in with your baby.

Happy Father's Day! Miss Nikki and Miss Taylor





## From the Rainbow Room:

Welcome warm weather! With the arrival of June we look forward to spending more time outside. To help protect your child's sensitive skin, please send in sunscreen and if desired a hat for them to use while we are out enjoying the day. When filling out a medication form for the sunscreen, please fill out your child's name, the name of the lotion, as well as the SPF number.

Our leaning units this month will be Birds, Father's Day, Weather and the Sun. Our activities throughout the month will focus on our fine motor development and sensory exposure as we make birds and bird nests. We will also be making and using our own paint for our art and sensory activities. As the month continues we will be working on a special surprise for our dads! As you can see, June will be busy for sure!

We have a water play day planned for **Wednesday**, **June 21**<sup>st</sup>. Please send in a swimsuit and towel for your little one so he or she get wet and enjoy our outside fun! Happy June birthday wishes go out to our friend Kayden. We hope you have a fantastic day! Best wishes to our friends, Kayden, Aria, and Alayna who will be moving to the Moonbeams in June. We're going to miss you but we know you're going to love exploring and playing with your new friends.



Happy Father's Day! Miss Marta, Miss Rhonda and Miss Barb



#### From the Moonbeams:

Hooray! The summer months have arrived and we are so excited to enjoy every moment of them. Our days will be filled with learning time fun as we explore our June themes of Space, Father's Day, Picnic Food and Outdoor Fun. With the warmer/hot weather upon us, we would like to remind you to send in your child's hat and sunscreen to help protect them from the sun's rays. Don't forget to fill out the medication form.

During our Space theme week we are focusing on our small motor development with painting the sun, coloring a star and making our own galaxies! As part of our Father's day unit we are making special presents and reading tons of books that describe how important our daddies are. During our Picnic unit we will be making placemats for a picnic lunch. We will also be observing and feeling plastic bugs in our sensory bin. The last week of June will be all about Outdoor fun! We will focus on our bodies and large muscle movement as we create an obstacle course, go for walks and play on the equipment.

Our Picnic Day is **Friday**, **June 23**<sup>rd</sup>. Please send in a labeled sack lunch for your child. Lunches may be dropped off at the kitchen. We also have a water play day at the splash pad on **Wednesday**, **June 28**<sup>th</sup>! Make sure to send in your child's swimsuit, towel and swim diapers!

We would like to wish Carter a very Happy Birthday in the month of June! We hope you have a super fun filled day! Best wishes to our friends who will be moving up to the Milkyways. We are so happy for you. A BIG welcome goes out to our new friends joining us in June. We are so excited to learn, play and grow with you.

Happy Summer!
Miss Lynn and Miss Emily





## From the Milkyways:

The summer months are here! Hooray! During June, my Milkyway friends will be exploring our learning units of Picnic, Colors of The Sky, Father's Day, Summer, and the Fourth of July. As we begin the summer months, we will continue to enjoy lots of time outside, as long as the weather permits! 

My friends love to be outside enjoying the fresh air and running about which is a great way to strengthen their large muscles. To help protect their eyes, please send and sunscreen to help protect their skin from the sun's rays. Lip balm, sunscreen, and bug spray all need medication forms filled out completely in order for them to be applied at SWLC.

With the Splash Pad being so close we plan to enjoy it this summer.  $\odot$  Starting **Friday**, **June** 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be going to the Splash Pad every other Friday. We will also enjoy water days at SWLC every Wednesday starting **Wednesday June** 21<sup>st</sup>. My friends will need their swimsuits and a towel.

As we begin exploring our unit on Picnics, we will be having a picnic on **Friday**, **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. **Please bring in a labeled sack lunch**. As part of this unit, we will discuss and learn about red and white patterns along with talking about frogs and picnic baskets. Our discovery will continue as we use our observation skills to make art projects that resemble what we see in the sky like sunsets, sunrises, night skies and rainbows. As Father's Day approaches we will be working on a special surprise for our dads. We will also be sharing what makes our daddies so special. We will be expressing self creativity through chalk art, water coloring, sand castles and pretending to lay in the mud!

We will end the month looking forward to the start of a new one as we focus on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. My friends will be using their fine motor skills as they use scissors to cut different projects while learning about red, white and blue. Best wishes to our friends who will be out for the summer and those who will be moving to the Shooting Stars. We're gonna miss you! A big WELCOME to our new friends moving up from the Moonbeams.



Summer Fun Wishes!
Miss Mitchy



## From the Milkyways:

Welcome Summer! We are ready for the summer fun to begin and to be able to spend more time outdoors. Our learning units for the month of June include Colors of the Sky, Father's Day, Summer, and the Beach!

We will start the month with using our observation skills to gather information about the sky. We then will use that information as part of our small motor development with making activities like water coloring sunsets, shredded paper rainbows and star pictures of the night sky. We will continue the month with learning within the context of our family's culture by celebrating our dads and having a blast making them special surprises. We have "dad and me" activities along with a card just for dad. We will be focusing on our mutli-sensory abilities to process information while we use seashells to make prints, wave pictures and painting the beach using sand! For the last week of June we are expressing ourselves creatively through music, movement and art with shaping sand castles, sand letters and easel painting.

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Summer is here! I hope everyone can take some extra time and relax this month! Welcome Summer and welcome to my new friends. Best wishes to all of my friends moving to the Shooting Stars.



Sunshine Smiles! Miss Melody



## From the Shooting Stars:

As we welcome the start of summer, we look forward to a wonderful month of fun and exciting activities for our Shooting Stars friends. Throughout the month, we will be concentrating on our learning units of Beach, Father's Day, Summer and Outdoor Fun.

This month we will we have fun focusing on our large motor movement as we explore the splash pad, practice skipping and enjoy sand play for our Beach theme. As part of our Father's Day unit, we will continue with making our Father's Day presents and learning all about our dads! Some of our fun art activities will include celebrating ourselves creatively as we make puffy paint ice cream cones, squirt gun painting and balloon splatters! We will finish up the month centering on focusing on large and small muscle development as we use the monkey bars, blow and chase bubbles and so much more!

June will be a busy month for us as Summer School starts and we begin a new routine. During the summer, we will be going over to the Splash Pad on Wednesdays. Please send in your child's swimsuit and towel in a labeled plastic bag. We will also be outside a lot this summer! As reminder, closed toed shoes with a back are required for the playground and walking trips! In addition, please make sure your child has sunscreen available at SWLC.

We would like to wish very Happy Birthdays to my friends Liem, Cora, Autumn, Zoe K., and Nolan. We hope you have a super fun May birthday! A big WELCOME goes to our new friends who will be joining us this summer. We can wait to learn and explore with you.



Happy Summer! Miss Heather and Miss Barb

### From the Comets:

Wow! Summer is here already! First of all, we would like to say goodbye to all of our friends who will be leaving for the summer. We hope you have a great break. We can't wait to see you back in the Fall.

Our themes for this month are Summer Sensory, Kicking-Off Summer, Automobiles and Water World. We will be enhancing our large muscles with the splash pad, playing sharks and minnows and a water balloon fight! We will continue with Kicking-Off Summer with chalking up the sidewalks with our summer scene pictures. Our imaginations will be flowing as we build our dream cars and paint with toy cars and trucks. We end the month with water beads in the sensory bin and building sand castles!

We are so excited about summer beginning and all of the fun activities we have planned both indoors and out. We are also looking forward to all our field trips we have planned this month. Wednesdays this summer we will be joining the Milkways and Shooting Star classrooms for reading and art! Mondays and Wednesdays are our Splash Pad days so make sure to bring a suit and towel! Reminder, closed toed shoes with a back are required. We will be sending out a packet before summer school starts with all the information. If you have any questions, ask any of the school age teachers!

Check out the calendar for our field trips this month. We will be spending a lot of time outside, so your child will need sunscreen. Make sure to fill out a medication form correctly. If you need assistance, please ask. You many not put "as needed" on the form. If the form is completed incorrectly, your child will not be able to apply the sunscreen.

Happy June Birthday wishes go to our friends Gracie, Leila, Lilly, Danica, Shayla, Shyann, Christopher and Greta! We hope you all have a FAN-TAS-TIC day!!

Miss

Looking forward to a Terrific Summer!
Miss Kelly, Miss Lynn, Miss Whitney, Miss Melissa, and Miss Becca

