

News from Clever Kids Learning Center

From the Director

Starting June 5th the whole milk served on the infant – toddler wing will be organic. For those parents who provide organic/hormone free milk for their children, we hope this allows for one less thing to remember to bring to school!

Those contributing to the Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude Children's Hospital donated a total of \$3,515.00! Wow!

Splash days at Clever Kids have finally arrived. Your child will splash outside one day a week from Monday, June 11th to Friday, August 10th. Here is the summer splash day schedule:

- Mondays: Preschool North
- Tuesdays: Preschool 1 and Toddler 1 and both Infant Rooms
- Wednesdays: Toddler 2
- Thursdays: Preschool West
- Fridays: Preschool East

Your child will need the following items:

- A swim suit
- A towel
- Shoes that can get wet
- Sunscreen

(Toddlers and Preschool 1 kiddos do not need swim diapers, they do not get fully submerged so their normal diapers are fine to use).

Dates of Closure for 2018

- July 4th – Independence Day
- Sept. 3rd – Labor Day
- Oct. 8th – Columbus Day
- Nov. 11th – Veteran's Day
- Nov. 22nd and 23rd – Thanksgiving
- Dec. 25th – Federal Observance of Christmas

Classroom Events

Splash Days Are Here...Check the schedule (in the words from the director section) to see what day of the week your child will splash on and what he or she needs.

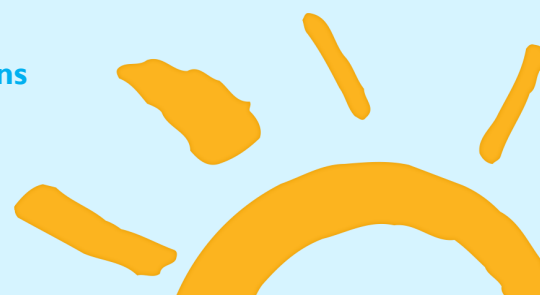
- Infant 1 – Friday, June 7th
Parent Party 3:00 – 4:00
- Toddler 2 – Friday, June 29th
Red, White, and Blue Party
3:30 – 4:30

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Monday – Friday, 6:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Preschool I

In April, our center celebrated "The Week of the Young Child." The Preschool 1 class participated in special activities throughout the week. Ms. Susan entertained us with storytelling and flute playing. Parent reading day brought in several of the mothers to share stories with us. The children participated in back and forth conversation about the words and pictures in books. The children learned sharing and a sense of community by these types of interactions.

Parents participated in classroom activities with their children at our parent party. Sharing experiences through parent/child interaction helps to promote confidence and pride. Children learned this while enjoying one on one time with family members.



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Infant I

It's springtime and for the infants, that means playing outside and enjoying the fresh air! Another important part of our great outdoors is the weather! Sometimes we have bright, sunny days, while others can be dark, rainy days. We even get some snow in our spring time. But each can hold their own fun and exciting activities to go along with them! *We learn to* enjoy and play in the world around us while building our large and fine motor skills, and *we learn it by* playing and climbing outside and planting flowers! We look forward to playing and exploring more of our great outdoors this spring and summer!



READY FOR SCHOOL NEWS

Homegrown Readers

It's never too early to start "growing readers"! Research has shown that children who have a close adult who reads to and with them -- especially in the very early years -- learn language and literacy skills, develop an appreciation of books, and experience stronger family relationships.

Reading with your child can be one of the most rewarding and memorable ways to spend time together. In addition to having lasting effects on cognitive, language, and literacy development, sharing books inspires your child's curiosity and creativity. Cuddling up with a book is an intimate activity that builds strong, loving, lifelong bonds.

A few tips for reading with your child:

- Designate a regular time and place to curl up together with a book. Invite your child to select books but also introduce new stories.
- Before you begin a new book, talk about the title, the cover, the author, and the illustrator. Ask thought-provoking questions about the book. "What do you think this story is about?"
- Understand that young children love to hear the same stories over and over again. Repetition provides a level of comfort and enables children to become the experts on the storyline. Also, it allows them to get familiar with the words, and eventually "read" the book to you.
- Make reading interactive; ask questions such as, "What do you think happens next in the story?" Or "How would you handle this situation?" It's interesting to hear your child's impression of the story.
- Expand your child's horizons. When your child develops a new interest, go to the library and find books on that subject.
- Have fun and be playful! When you read aloud, try to make your voice exciting and dramatic for the different parts of the story.

There is so much multicultural, informative, historical, traditional, silly, experiential, and even futuristic literature for young children these days. Refer to "Bright Horizons Growing Readers" to access family resources, books suggestions, at-home reading activities, and tips on reading aloud.

www.brighthorizons.com/childrenbooks



Education & Development

BRIGHT HORIZONS NEWS

Learning at Home: Summer Activity

Our Learning at Home ideas offer parents fun ways to extend their child's learning opportunities beyond the classroom to take advantage of teachable moments that naturally emerge from everyday life situations.

Beach in a Bottle – Suitable for Kindergarten, Multi-Age, Preschool, School Age, Toddler, Twos

You will need:

A trip to the beach, lake or creek, and supplies: plastic bottle, super glue, permanent marker, and a label

Directions:

Have your child fill the bottle with sand and water from the beach, along with their favorite sea shells or small pieces of driftwood. Seal the top using super glue (keep the glue out of your child's reach and let the bottle dry before using it with them). Label with the date and location of your outing.



New Parenting Podcast Episode! Peaceful Parenting on Busy Workdays

We've all been there... the get-out-the-door chaos, the after-work frenzy, those toddler-parent moments when things just seem to go kaboom! Is there a better way? Parenting expert and psychologist Jennifer Gillette says unequivocally... yes.

On this episode of the *Work-Life Equation*, Gillette has the tips, tricks, and strategies to tame the tantrums and put what she calls Peaceful Parenting back into your busy day.

[Ep. 17: Peaceful Parenting on Busy Workdays](http://www.brighthouse.com/peacefulparenting)
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