



**Friday Memo  
July 23, 2010**

	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thur.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>
Caryn's	8:30-4:30	10:30-6:30	9:30-5:30	10:30-6:30	7:30-3:30

Schedule (subject to change based on meetings)

**Director Updates:**

Happy Friday. I hope you are all staying cool in this crazy hot weather we are having lately! Thanks to everyone who responded quickly to our plea to take the guinea pigs home on this hot weekend!

- 1) Our Parent Council has been very active in the past and helped to make some major improvements here at the center. Many of our parent representatives now have children in the Elementary Schools so they would like to focus their attention there. We are looking for a few good men and woman to volunteer to fill their spots so we can continue on the positive path we are heading. Luckily, Andrew Stivers is going to remain on the Finance committee. The following positions need volunteers:

Parent Council President/Co-President

Development Committee

Personnel Committee

Secretary (to type the minutes)?

Our Parent Council will only be meeting every other month this fall and have a parent education workshop on alternate months. It's really just a matter of coming up with the agenda, leading the meetings and typing the minutes. The previous parents that held these positions would be happy to share more information with you if you are interested. We would really appreciate any and all involvement.

- 2) A new \$50 off registration coupon is going out in the Valpak so be sure to tell all your friends looking for a day care for next year to use that coupon when they register.
- 3) M.C.P.S. has finished the tile and secured the chalk board in the A.P. room. We are now just waiting for them to replace the base boards and repaint the wall in there. Thanks for your patience!
- 4) Get your votes in for a name for the new Transition Kindergarten classroom..... My vote is for "Kangaroos." What's your vote?
- 5) Lost and Found: Please check for names in the clothes that might be coming home with your kids to be sure another child's supplies having come home inadvertently.
- 6) Friendly reminder that a formal breakfast is served only between 8 and 8:30. If you are running late, we will be happy to offer a breakfast bar to your child.

Unfortunately, once breakfast is cleaned up, the teachers have a big job getting ready for water play.

#### Important Dates:

- **8/27/2010 Center closed for cleaning**

#### Upcoming Field Trips for summer for Pre School:

August 17<sup>th</sup>- Germantown Splash park- take 2. Aviation Museum if it rains.

#### In the Community:

- Chick-Fil-A in Montgomery Mall has family night every Wednesday from 5-8 PM. For every adult meal you purchase, you will receive a free 4-piece kid's meal. Each week they have different entertainment like face painting, balloons and other fun activities.
- P.E.P. is offering parenting seminars and classes over the summer. I have a schedule posted in my office if you're interested in seeing what they have on their schedule.

#### Kittens:

#### New Information:

**New Breakfast Location: Back to the Kitten's classroom- 7:30-8:30**

#### Creative Curriculum:

- Our focus this week will be the color brown and lots of fun water activities.

#### Water Play Update:

- **Please send in swim diapers for water play, along with all the other gear. We are trying to start a pool of water diapers so they don't get confused with pull ups. If your child wears water diapers, please send in approximately 20 in at the beginning of the month to cover water play each day. Be sure it is ALL labeled to help us keep track of the items.**

#### Missing Items:

- **Johannes is missing two shirts. Can you check at home and see if you can find a blue shirt that is blue and white and says "Happy Camper" as well as one that is red with a baseball motif saying "1895 Baseball League".**

#### Field Trips:

- We are excited for our lunch at Priya's house. Don't forget to sign up for the walking field trip. The permission slip is hanging by the door.
- August 17<sup>th</sup>- Germantown Splashpark- take 2. Aviation Museum if it rains.

#### Thank you:

- We would like to thank all of the families that took home items from the class to clean for us. We hope families will sign up each week to take home tub items to throw in the top shelf of their dishwashers to help us keep the kittens' classroom clean and safe.

## **Buffalos:**

### **New Information:**

- Next week we will be talking about vacations/travel.
- Please bring in a photo of the family on a vacation to post in our classroom. We will have the children recall the events in the picture and post what they said about it.
- Show and tell items are welcome on Friday. Please help your child find something (1 item) they have acquired on one of their travels (i.e.: t-shirt, seashell, picture, etc.)
- The Buffalos have been working on writing our names. Please encourage more writing at home.
- This past week we looked at music and movements. We learned about various instruments and how to use them. We also attempted to trace musical notes.
- Be sure to label all items so we can keep track more easily.
- Water play is happening now! All items MUST be labeled with your child's name inside. Please make sure your kids are prepared with the following items:
  - Swimsuits/trunks
  - Swim diapers if applicable
  - Sunscreen in the morning
  - Water shoes
  - Towels
  - Extra clothes
  - Hats since it is sunny out there

### **Have a great weekend!**

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