

Mini News

Montgomery County's Mini University

Dear Families

Dear Families:

Thank you so much for great attendance at teacher/family conferences. I know the teachers enjoy talking to you about your child's progress. It is a great time to also set future goals.

We also greatly appreciate the many phone calls to Columbus about the problems and concerns around subsidized care and the Early Learning Initiative. Several parents also agreed to be interviewed by the media to talk about ELI and its' importance to our children and the children of Montgomery County. As we find out more details of what the future will hold, we will keep you informed.

Current ELI ends at the end of June. Please see Ms. Carolyn or Ms. Ruth about your next step to continue care.

In June, we will celebrate fathers with an event on Friday, June 19th. Details will be posted. Everyone is invited to celebrate Father's and their importance in the life of a child.

Toward the end of June, let's celebrate America's Birthday! We will have burgers and other great food. I hope the weather cooperates this year. Last year, it rained, but we moved inside and still had a great time! I hope to see you at this celebration. It is important for the children to see school and family working together.

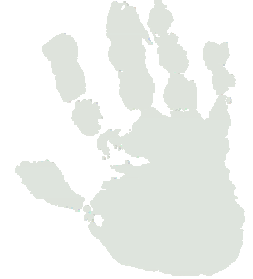
I hope that all of you have a great June, filled with lots of family fun.

Ms. Carolyn

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Exploring Downtown Dayton

Have you noticed? The statues are back downtown. While the classrooms will be taking field trips to see them, it is also a nice family walk on a Sunday afternoon.

Simple Ways to Boost Your Child's Self-Esteem

A positive sense of self is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child. Children with high self-esteem feel loved and competent and develop into happy, productive people. To help build your child's positive self-image as he grows, consider these dos and don'ts.

Do give children choices. Giving children choices -- within a reasonable set of options preselected by you -- makes them feel empowered. For example, at breakfast you might offer your child the option of eggs or pancakes. Learning to make simple choices while he's young will help prepare your child for the more difficult choices he'll face as he grows.

Don't do everything for her. Be patient and let her work things out for herself. For example, it may be faster and easier to dress your preschooler, but letting her do it herself helps her learn new skills. The more she meets new challenges, the more competent and confident she'll feel.

Do let him know no one is perfect. And explain that no one expects him to be. The way you react to your child's mistakes and disappointments colors the way he will react.

Don't gush or offer insincere praise. Kids are masters at detecting insincere praise or baseless compliments. Praise your child often, but be specific in your compliments so your words don't ring hollow. For instance, instead of reacting to your child's latest drawing with, "Wow, that's great. You're the best artist in the world," try something like, "I really like how you drew the whole family. You even included details like Daddy's beard."

Do assign age-appropriate household chores. Give children responsibility for tasks such as setting the table, walking the dog, and folding laundry. They'll increase their feelings of competency and bolster their problem-solving skills.

Don't draw comparisons between your children. Instead, appreciate each one's individuality and special gifts.

Don't call children names or use sarcasm to make a point. Never belittle your child's feelings. When you get angry take a short break so you don't say anything you'll regret. And keep in mind, you can dislike a child's actions without disliking the child. Be sure to illustrate the difference to your child.

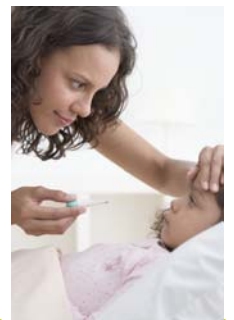
Do spend one-on-one time with your child. Whether it's grabbing a bite to eat or taking a bike ride, try to schedule some alone time with your child at least once a week. This is a great opportunity to talk about what's on her mind and to cement the bond the two of you share.

Sick Children

To prevent the spread of illnesses, please keep sick children at home. Did you know that when you give a child Tylenol to control a fever, it masks the symptoms. It is not a cure and they are still spreading infection to their

friends. The same holds true for vomiting or diarrhea. When you give a child an over-the-counter medication to control the symptoms, the child is still sick and should not be here. With the cases of swine flu increasing, taking precautions

and working together to prevent the spread of infection is so important.



A Minute for Kids *from Children's Medical and Kohl's*

Dayton Children's treats about 240 children a year or about 20 children a month for dog bites. Children's gives us tips to protect children. Teach your child to:

1. Always ask a dog's owner if you may pet the dog.
2. Approach a dog from the front or the side.
3. Hold your hands low and al-

low the dog to smell you before you pet it.

4. Speak softly.
5. Let dogs eat and sleep in peace.
6. Don't take a dog's toy from him.
7. Don't run from dogs. The dog's instinct is to chase and catch you. Roll into a ball if a dog knocks you over.



Creative Curriculum

Did you know that the curriculum we use has a great family feature? You can give your email address to Ms. Ruth and she will invite you to join. We have some user information available that will help you navigate

the website to see your child's progress. There is also a journal feature that you and the teacher can use to communicate. Your child is the only child that you can view, thus protecting the confidentiality of everyone.

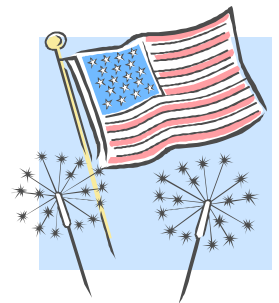
The teacher, the education coordinator and the director have access to each classroom and child. We are learning more about the power of this curriculum website. Join us as we learn together.

June Events



Father's Day Event-Friday,
June 19, 2009

America's Birthday-Friday,
June 26, 2009





June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy Birthday Christopher	2 Happy Birthday Shemar	3	4 Happy Birthday Dayme	5	6 Happy Birthday Samira
7 Happy Birthday Riley	8	9	10 Happy Birthday Aden	11	12	13
14	15 Happy Birthday Jo'Nai & Arianna	16	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Ja'Brina	20
21 Happy Birthday Zakai	22	23 Happy Birthday De'Angelo & Stephon	24	25 Happy Birthday Mallory & Fiona	26	27 Happy Birthday Jeremiah
28	29	30				



Staff Birthday

19—Ms. Tawana (Gold Room Assistant)

Staff Anniversary

20—Ms. Amanda (Infant 1 Room Assistant) 3 years
30—Ms. Dawn (Infant 1 Room Teacher) 12 years