



The Mini News

JUNE 2009

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Father's Day Celebration

To celebrate Father's Day, Mini University is inviting all fathers, grandfathers, and special people on Friday, June 19th for activities in the classroom. Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon from 3-4 p.m.! The children and staff are excited to share this time with you.

To help keep kids safe this pool season, Dayton Children's and Safe Kids Greater Dayton recommend these nine safety tips:

1. Always actively supervise children in and around water. Don't leave, even for a moment. Stay where you can see, hear and reach kids in water. Avoid talking on the phone, preparing a meal, reading and other distractions.
2. If you have a pool or spa, or if your child visits a home that has a pool or spa, it should be surrounded on all four sides by a fence at least five feet high with gates that close and latch automatically. Studies estimate that this type of isolation fencing could prevent 50 percent to 90 percent of child drowning in residential pools.
3. A pool or spa should be equipped with an anti-entrapment drain cover and a safety vacuum release system to prevent children from being caught in the suction of the drain. The powerful suction forces can trap a child underwater or cause internal injuries.
4. Don't leave toys in or near the pool, where they could attract unsupervised kids. For extra protection, consider a pool alarm and alarms on the doors, windows and gates leading to the pool.
5. Enroll your kids in swimming lessons around age 4, but don't assume swimming lessons make your child immune to drowning. There is no substitute for active supervision.
6. Don't rely on inflatable swimming toys such as "water wings" and noodles. If your child can't swim, stay within an arm's reach of the child.
7. Learn infant and child CPR. In less than two hours, you can learn effective actions that can give a fighting chance to a child whose breathing and heartbeat have stopped. Contact the American Red Cross for information about local CPR classes.
8. Keep rescue equipment, a phone and emergency numbers by the pool.
9. If a child is missing, always search the pool, ponds and other nearby bodies of water first.



These guidelines apply to inflatable and portable pools, not just in-ground pools. A child can drown in just an inch of water. Kiddie pools should be emptied and stored out of reach when not in use.

Excerpt from Dayton Children's Hospital and Safe Kids of Greater Dayton

Reminder:

Mini University will be closed Friday, July 3rd, 2009 in observance of Independence Day!



Reminder: There has been a recent increase with children bringing in snacks and breakfast items. It is our policy to make sure your child's dietary needs are met while in our care. As well as, protect the many children with food allergies. Some of your child's classmate may be allergic to the ingredients of your child's snack. For these reason, we please ask that you refrain from bringing food into the center. If your child is finishing a snack, they can do so in the front lobby before your child goes to their classroom. Thank you being ac-

THANK YOU to all of the families that made staff appreciation week such a great success! Words cannot express how much we appreciate your kind words, delicious meals and overall thoughtfulness. We love what we do everyday and truly appreciate your support all year long!



Fond Farewell

Ms. Laura Martin has been our Education Coordinator for the past year and has had a positive impact on our program. She has been a tremendous support to our teachers and families. Laura and her husband have been transferred to England and Laura's last day with us will be this Thursday. We wish her well and thank her for her time spent at Mini University. She will be greatly missed, but this is a very exciting opportunity for their family!

Health and Enrollment Forms

Each year it is important that we update your child's health and enrollment forms to ensure we have accurate information. The state has a new form and it is essential that every family completes this form.

For your convenience, we have put this form on our website. Please take the time to access this form at www.miniuniversity.net. Once you complete this form, you can email the completed form back to Diane at dlakes@miniuniversity.net.

Shoe Safety

Please remember the teachers provide a variety of experiences for the children throughout the year. Some of these experiences are outdoors; some are messy; some require easy body movement. To help your child enjoy these experiences fully, please dress him/her appropriately. Loose fitting clothing appropriate to the season and shoes that fit properly are necessary.

For safety reasons we strongly discourage cowboy boots, slippers, or flip-flops. All sandals should have closed toe and **must have back straps.** Tennis shoes are best. Playgrounds are treacherous for children wearing shoes that do not provide traction and grip. Open-toed sandals without socks may increase the likelihood of scraped or smashed toes, therefore socks are strongly recommended.

Green Room

Ms. Christy and Ms. Janet are the teachers in the Green Room. Christy has worked at Mini University for two years, but this is her first year teaching in the Green Room. She graduated from Wright State in November of 2008, with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Christy joined the Green Room team in January, and is having a great time working with the wonderful boys and girls in the Green Room. Janet has been with Mini University for twenty years. She has an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education.

The Green Room friends have been busy outside soaking up the sun. After a long and chilly winter of playing inside, these boys and girls are ready to go out and enjoy the summer. Some of the Green Room friends' favorite outdoor activities include: playing in the sandbox, riding bikes and cars, and mowing the lawn. Now that the weather is warmer, we will start to take nature walks around campus and we will begin our summer water play.

Along with their outdoor fun, the Green Room friends are also busy learning inside. We have been busy reading a variety of books, playing at the sensory table and singing our favorite songs. Whether they are inside or outside, the Green Room children have a great time learning and playing together.



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