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## Important Dates

**Friday July 3rd:**

Cathedral House will be **CLOSED**

**Saturday July 4th:**

Independence Day

**July 20th - July 23rd:**

Vacation Bible School - Primary and  
Kindergarten Students

**Tuesday July 28th:** Dance Demo

## Congratulations to our 2009-2010 PTO Officers

President - Amanda Peterson (Tessa, Luke and Brooke's Mom)

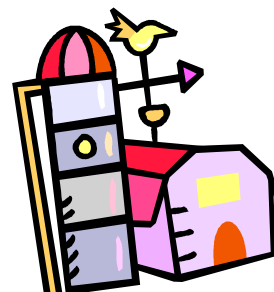
Vice President - Katrina Stephenson (Barrett and Ellie's Mom)

Secretary - Stephanie Beauvais (Ben and Kaden's Mom)

Treasurer - Wendy Foltz (Landon and Connor's Mom)

Events Coordinator - Priya Coffey (Liam and Kieran's Mom)

A very special "Thank You" to our past President, Mary Parsens and Vice President, Stacy Little for all their hard work and dedication this past year in supporting our teachers, our families and the children of our school.



## Administrative News

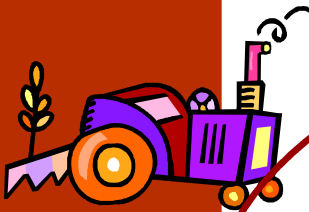
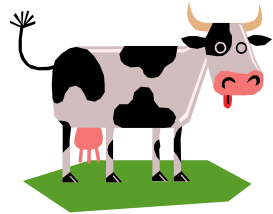
As you plan your summer vacations, please remember to let us know! Keep us informed of days your child will be absent.



Teachers and classmates will be looking for their friends when they are out of school. This will also help our teachers as they continue to plan fun summer curriculum!

## E-I-E-I-O...

We continue to learn about life on the farm during the month of July... What animals live on the farm? What do they eat? Where does milk come from? Watch as we create beautiful art and yummy cooking lessons. Look for fun farm games and activities. July is sure to be filled with more "Farm—Tastic" fun!



**Cathedral House will be CLOSED Friday July 3rd in observance of the Independence Day holiday.**

**Arts Alive - schedule change just for Thursday, July 9th:  
Movement II and older classes same time - the infant classes have been moved to July 16th regular time.**

## Vacation Bible School



Once again we will be offering Vacation Bible School to our Primary and Kindergarten Students the week of July 20th - Monday through Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00 am. Each morning the students will be treated to activities, arts and crafts, stories on familiar bible story characters. Every summer the children are happily engaged and find this a very special time.

Parents are invited to sign their children up for this special event. There will be alternative fun and exciting activities for those children not attending. Sign up sheets will be located on the door in Primary and also at the bulletin located in the lobby for Kindergarten students. Parents will need to give permission by signing up for children to attend.

Please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher or administration if you should have any questions.

Our Playground Committee did an awesome job of kicking off preliminary events to raise funds for the new playground with the "Valentine's Sweethearts Night Out" and our May "Clean Out Your Garage" Sale. We wish to thank all the parents who have helped with these two events. Chelsey Shor headed the efforts on the Garage Sale and that was no minor feat. Along with Chelsey were many others who lent a hand in collecting, pricing and rising early to help with set up. We raised an amazing **\$5,000.00**. A special thank you to Robert and Katherine Magner for allowing us to use their storage and the most perfect yard to host a garage sale, we could not have done it without your kindness.

Soon it will be time to launch our main event the "Go Play!" Capital Campaign for the a new playground. You will be receiving information in your folders, on our website and via email blasts. We are extremely excited and appreciative of your support. There are still a few spots left for volunteers as we march towards accomplishing our goal. If you are interested in serving on a committee or volunteering to help in any capacity please see Lizzette Palmer, Chair of our Playground Committee or Teri Jackson, school administrator.

We wish to thank those parents who have given up so much time in these efforts, Nina and Stephen Skinner, former co-chairs and Jennifer Garza & Allen Craig for donation of time and design of our logo. Your commitment has been a gift and we thank you for all your hard work in supporting Cathedral House in its mission to develop a new playground.



The Playground Campaign for Cathedral House Episcopal School

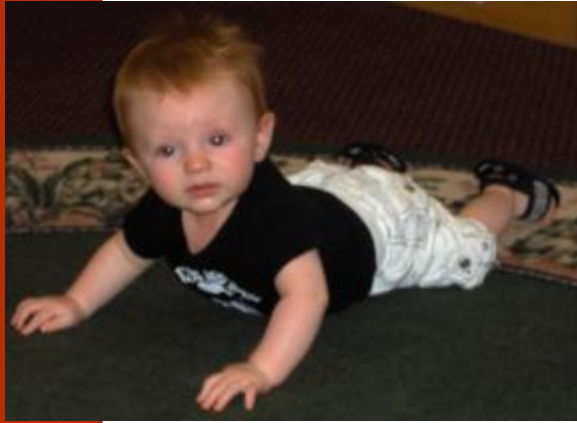
## Reminder:



If your child has been ill, even if over the weekend, please pass along that information to the front desk and to your child's teachers. In order to keep our environment healthy, we like to share potential illness information with everyone. Also, please remember that everyone needs to wash their hands upon entry into the classrooms!



# Nursery Department News



## Nursery I

Nursery I welcomed Sophia, Logan, and Amelia this month! We are so glad you're here. We said goodbye to Merrick and Zoe this month, who graduated to

Nursery II. We have been trying to stay cool in all this heat. Take a look at some of the fun we have been having in our classroom in June.





## Nursery II

We had a lot of fun in June! We got to make T-shirts for our daddies with our teachers' help. We made June bugs too, and we painted cows and horses with our

fingers. It was so much fun! In July, we look forward to singing the song, "The Cows on the Farm," and painting flags for the 4th. Also, some of our younger friends

are practicing with finger foods and learning how to pick things up with their thumb and index finger. Our older children are mastering the wonderful art of eating school lunch – way to go!



# Movement Department News



## Movement I

In June we celebrated Dads & Donuts for Father's Day. Thanks to all our Dads who participated in the big day. We have enjoyed learning about our colors, making fish and stars for our art projects and enjoying everyone's favorite activity, **Splash Day!** Next month we look forward to showing off more of our splash day photos. We start splash at 9:00 am and it is most helpful for children to come dressed in their swimsuits so we don't waste any time.

We appreciate all who attended our "Let's Talk" in June. We enjoyed getting to know each of you a little bit better. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to share what is on our minds and opens the door for future communication. Your input is important and always welcomed.



Vivienne, Trace, and Jane play in the water tables during our first Splash Day.

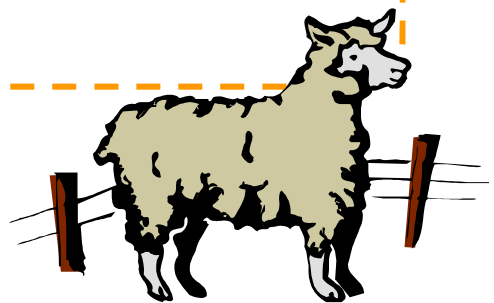
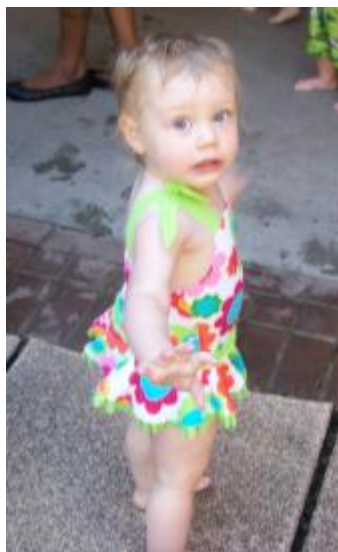


## Movement II

We had fun celebrating Father's Day in June. Thank you to the dads, moms, and uncles who joined us for Dads and Donuts—it was a big success!

As you can see, we have been enjoying our Splash Days this month too!

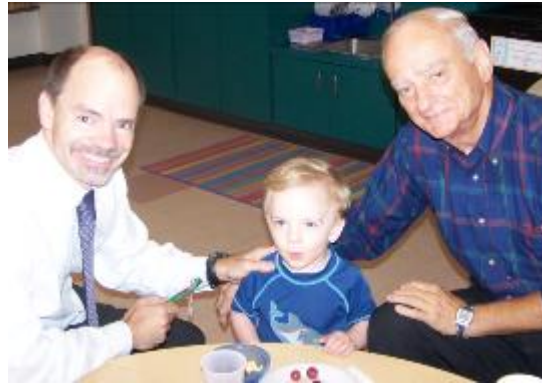
In July, we will focus on the colors red, white, and blue. We will also be learning the sounds that the different animals on the farm make.



Braden seems to be thinking, "It's time to go inside already?"

Emory says, "Bye-bye water!"

# Toddler Department News



## Toddler I

We started our month with our favorite summer activity. Our first splash day was a huge success– we were ready to have fun and cool off. We had a swimsuit parade in our room!

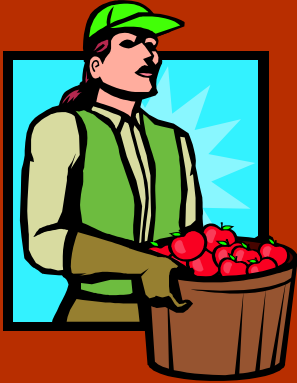
We did a great job working on parents' presents, and it was fun to have dads over for Dads and Donuts!

This month, we have been talking about the farm (granja), farmer (granjero), and the animals that live there, pig (cochinillo), horse (caballo), sheep (oveja), dog (perro), and cow (vaca). We will be adding more during the month of July. The children will be working on a farm mural and will be learning the animal names in English

and Spanish.

Children are welcome to share anything related to the farm on Thursdays for Show and Tell.

New parents: If you have not had a chance to have a parent-teacher conference, please feel free to call Ms. Patricia to schedule one! Thanks!



# Toddler II

♪♪♪ We're on our way,  
we're on our way, on our way  
to Grandpa's farm.

We're on our way, we're on  
our way, on our way to  
Grandpa's farm. ♪♪♪

On the farm this month, the children learned the names of all the farm animals and the foods they eat. We also

sang songs, read books, and learned about the different parts of the animals' bodies. We played the Farmer in the Dell, and all the children took turns participating.

During Montessori work time, we have been working on using our inside voices and walking feet in the classroom.

This can be quite a challenge for some of the children, so we really need your help, parents, to remind your child during breakfast and afternoon pick-up to be aware of our classroom rules.





## Primary News

June was farm-tastic in the Primary classroom! We had a blast with our dads during Dads and Donuts, and we stayed cool with our Splash Days. Check it out!

We welcome Ms. Lauren in all the fun days of summer. Lauren is a junior at Texas A & M, studying Child Psychology.





## Kindergarten News

The children are enjoying the farm-tastic theme for the summer. We have learned about horses, pigs, and chickens so far. We know the family names of each of these animals and some important information about each, like how

to measure a horse with hands. Learning about this theme has also introduced us to new vocabulary words. *Pecking Order*– the order of which horses and chickens rank themselves; the animal at the top of the scale is the highest

ranked. *Brood*– when the hen sits on its eggs. *Snout*– a pig's nose. *Dads and Donuts* was a huge success. Just look at the smiles it brought. Welcome to Kindergarten Olivia, Natalie, and Alex. We are happy to have you join our class.





## Birthdays

**July 1st** Kelsey Kruger, 1 year old  
Ms. Tameka, Front Office

**July 2nd** Ms. *Opal*, *Movement II*

**July 3rd** Jane Espeseth, 2 years old

**July 5th** Emmett Clanton, 1 year old

**July 6th** Alexandria Tripp, 5 years old

**July 12th** Ms. *Alyssa*, *Program Specialist*

**July 15th** Ethan Shor, 1 year old

Luke Summer, 6 years old

**July 20th** Patrick Farmer, 5 years old

**July 21st** Ms. *Alicia*, *Nursery II*

**July 22nd** Ben Beauvais, 3 years old

**July 24th** Ellie Stephenson, 1 year old

Ms. *Samantha C*, *Teacher Assistant*

**July 27th** Ryan Dorfman, 5 years old

**July 28th** Ethan Cloud, 5 years old

**July 29th** Ms. *Angel*, *Nursery II*

**July 31st** Maren Seitchik, 1 year old



## Curriculum Corner

### Top Ten Bedtime

#### Misconceptions:

If your child is a perfect sleeper, read no further - pat yourself on the back and thank your lucky stars!



If, on the other hand, you are convinced that your child is trying to make sure no one in your household is getting enough sleep, read on...

You may be wondering why your child fights going to bed, refuses to take a nap, or wakes up in the middle of the night. Rest assured, no pun intended, you are not alone!

Many young children struggle with some kind of sleep issue, and many parents of young children are, well, tired.

#### Go to

**[www.discoverchild.org](http://www.discoverchild.org)**

to read the complete article on "Top Ten Misconceptions about Young Children and sleep" (and what you can do to set the record straight and get some sleep yourself).