

Little Bears Childcare

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

2022

Parents,

Summer is upon us!! Sometimes I am not sure with the weather we have been having lately, but the calendar says it's so. We are looking forward to getting outside more, and doing some fun days at the park, school age field trips, and some presentations and activities brought in. Please watch for special permission sign ups for some activities. Some will require an extra fee, and some will require the children to be around and touch live animals. We will again partner with the library and participate in the summer reading program. Your child will earn weekly prizes from the library for reading or being read to.

Many parents have had questions lately regarding safety due to shootings that happened recently. Please know that your child's safety is a concern for us as well. Our front door is locked from 9:00am to 3:00 pm. During that time no one can get in our building without an access code, or being let in by a staff member. The basement door is locked at all times when the children are inside.

Fall enrollment forms will go out in the middle of July, with a due date of early August. Please watch for them. As always please feel free to bring any questions, or concerns to us and we will do our best to answer them.

Jilleen and Terry

TEACHERS

Ms. Ashley has return from her maternity leave to be in the infant room with Ms. Jackie and Ms. Justine. Ms. Amy has come back to help us part time during the summer. She will primarily be in the upstairs classrooms.

Ms. Lori and Ms. Brie are in the Cub room, and Ms. Anissa and Ms. Izzy are in the Koala room.

Ms. Kenzie and Ms. Kim are in the Panda room, with Ms. Samm having the school kids. Teacher Kaedyn will be helping in both the Panda room, and going with the Ms. Samm and the school kids for trips away from the center.

TEDDY BEARS

Hello from our youngest learners, the Teddy Bears! We would like to welcome our new families to The Little Bears family! We would also like to congratulate our expecting families! We look forward to seeing some old faces regularly again. I, Jackie, can't wait for all the baby snuggles!

With new families coming in some of our older friends will be moving over. Some of the older babies will move to the other side of the baby room and/or transition between the 2 sides depending how many friends are here that day. Some of the older babies/toddlers have moved to the cubs room.

Everyone has grown in more ways than one since spring! Some of our friends have learned to hold their own bottle, sit up, get up on their hands and knees, crawl, pull themselves up, transition to the table from the high chairs and so much more! They are starting to get little personalities and become a little more independent!

With Summer just around the corner we hope to make it outside whether that be laying on a blanket in the shade, or going for a walk. Both are great opportunities to help expand your child's vocabulary by simply verbalizing everything you see. Please bring in sunscreen/sun hat if you would like.

If there are any changes to your child's feeding schedule please let us know. Table food is offered and you can bring in purees when your child is ready.

We will continue to help your child learn and grow over the summer by offering tummy time, sitting with them, encouraging them to crawl and take their first steps as well as introducing sign language and reading daily to help expand their vocabulary. It is also important to build a relationship with both the child and their families. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

Ms. Jackie, Ms. Ashley & Ms. Justine



KOALAS

Hello from the Koala Room we have been having so much fun here. It has been so much fun getting to know the children in the Koala Room. So far during circle time, we have learned to count to 20, know all our friends' names and know what the letter A and B look like. We also know our basic shapes and colors. We also love singing magnet board songs together; our favorite song is Bumble bee or Tiny turtle. This summer we will still be working on name recognition and letter recognition. We are so excited to see what else we can teach the class.

We are super excited for summer; we have some more summer fun activities that have added to the lesson plan. We will start going on walks (weather permitting.) Since it will be getting warm outside, please make sure to swap out spring for summer clothing and bring a water bottle for your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

Mrs. Anissa and Ms. Izzy

CUBS

Ms. Brie and Ms. Lori are so excited to be here at Little Bears, and are looking forward to enjoying our first summer with our fantastic group of kids. We started off the summer by seeing some of our friends move up to the Koala room, and adding a few new faces as well as a few that moved up from the Teddies.

In our room we enjoy doing lots of different kinds art. The messier the better. We also have introduced some matching games to go with our themes. We continue to focus on colors, shapes, and counting to 10, and even higher for some.

Please let Ms. Brie or Ms. Lori know if there is anything we can do to help you or your child while they are here at Little Bears. We are always here to help.

Ms. Brie and Ms. Lori

PANDAS

Hello summer and sunshine! We are officially headed into summer with lots of fun things to look forward to! As a class we will continue to work on our upper and lower case letters along with their corresponding letter sounds. We will continue to work on our counting and number recognition, as well. Science is one of our favorite things to experience in class. We will be doing some fun and messy science experiments while we enjoy the warm weather.

We also have some great extra activities to look forward to that include going to the park every friday, weather permitted, having center wide splash days, walking to the library every other Thursday and even Fired Up Pottery will be joining us. There are many other activities planned that will be posted to our calendar.

With that being said please make sure your child has their water bottle and are dressed accordingly. We want them to be comfortable as they enjoy this beautiful weather. Sunscreen will be applied prior to any outside time along with bug spray if provided. Also a switch of extra clothing in the bins to some cooler clothing would be very helpful incase of spills or accidents. We look forward to the summer and making some great memories with all the Panda's.

Mrs. Kenzie, Ms. Kim and Teacher Kaedyn

KITCHEN

Welcome Summer!! I'm so happy that the summer is here and I am sure all the kiddos are too. With the warm weather upon us I like to make some of our favorite cold pasta salads and sandwiches, along with lots of fresh fruit and veggies. I hope everyone has a safe, happy, and healthy summer!!!

Ms. Barb

GRIZZLIES

The Grizzlies are coming into a wonderful summer filled with many things to look forward to. We will be adding some new faces to our classroom this summer and we can't wait to meet them in the coming months! As a class we will be really focused on our D.E.A.R time, which stands for Drop Everything and Read, in this period of time they will be encouraged to read or write a story. They can also reenact a story with a group of children which in turn helps them reach their library goals to earn something special from the librarian at the end of each week.

With the warm weather here we will be able to step out of the facility and do some special activities such as a second bowling trip, going to the parks and heading to the library for different presentations and story times. Some special guests will also be visiting us sharing different things about nature and animals and we will get to paint some pottery with Fired Up

Pottery. We will also be participating in our center wide splash days, so please take a peek at the calendar so your child has everything they need to be comfortable on those special days.

Also we encourage the kids to bring in a water bottle to stay hydrated this summer, so please have your children bring in their water bottles daily. Going forward We are so excited to spend this summer with all the children and watch them grow even more!

Ms. Samm & Teacher Kaedyn



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Mon., June 13 — Summer school begins

Fri., July 1 — Summer school ends

Mon., July 4th — LBC CLOSED

Tues., July 12 — Fired Pottery comes to LBC (All children 1 year old and up can participate)

Fri., Aug. 5 — Fall enrollment forms due (tentative date)

Mon., Aug. 29 — LBC CLOSED for in-service day

Thurs., Sept 1 — First day of school

