



Miniapple Int'l Montessori-Roseville

Summer 2010 Newsletter

From the Director's Chair:

Our summer program will begin on June 7th. Please look for the summer calendar of activities with the daily and weekly themes. Please let us know if you would like a printed version of the monthly calendar.

We will be opening the second infant this month with Rachel Anthony moving from the other infant room to be the lead teacher with Lindsey McNichols as her assistant. Julie Brudellie will be moving from Children's House III to the infant room with Tricia. Tracy von Donop will be working with Jaci in Children's House III.

Thank you for your generous donations to our Second Harvest - "Paths to Peace Food and Fund Drive". We collected 236 pounds of food and \$206. This equals 928 meals for those in need. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Step Up to Soccer class lists are posted on the front door. The program will be on Wednesdays and will begin 6/16. The children's shirts will be handed out at the first class.

A reminder to change over your child's extra clothes boxes and keep them stocked. Also, keep a pair of extra socks in your child's cubby for playing in the gym.

Bring in a labeled bottle of sunscreen for your child if you haven't already, thank you. A reminder to apply sunscreen in the morning and we will re-apply sunscreen again after lunch



Please save your clear quart size plastic jars (no glass) with lids for our bug collectors, thanks.

Chris & Cindy

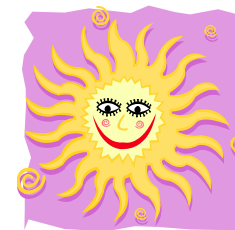
Infant Room I

We are happy to welcome Julie as a permanent member of our room! Many of you have already met her as she was helping to fill in when people were absent so the transition will be quite easy for her. Everyone loves the babies and the babies love the eager staff that want to come play. During the summer, Ms. Shannon will be out for 6 weeks for maternity leave so there will be a few new faces that are helping to fill in. Do not hesitate to call or e-mail us with any questions.

Violet and Soren will be moving up to Toddlerhood and we have a new baby by a current Miniapple family, Poppy, coming mid-June!

Reminder to check your child's basket for weather and size appropriate clothing. It has been too warm for long sleeved shirts and we do not want to overheat any babies.

Also, please inform us of any family vacations that may be coming up so that we can work our own vacations around when others will be gone! Thank you!



Let's have a fun summer!

Tricia, Shannon, and Julie

Infant Room II

First we want to welcome all of the new families to our room. Lindsey and I are very excited about getting to know all of you over the summer.

We wanted to just give you a few tips to make the summer a splash. Please bring in sunscreen. We will be going outside when possible. A sun hat to keep them cool. If your child is a walker, shoes with a hard sole.

This Summer should be a great one with new experiences. Lindsey and I are pleased to welcome all of you.

Rachel & Lindsey



Toddler House I

Wow, it's hard to believe another school year is behind us! This will be our last newsletter until fall, but remember if there are any questions or concerns, please talk with us at anytime.

Happy Father's Day to all of our wonderful Dad's out there. We will be celebrating Father's Day Friday, June 18th from 3:30 to 4:30 with an ice cream social. We hope to see you all there.

Some summer birthdays:

Sam	the "big" 2!	6-1
Paige	the "big" 2!	6-30
Annessa	the "big" ?	7-13
Arthur	the "big" 2!	8-17
Micah	the "big" 2!	8-21

Happy Birthday to you all!

Some sad good-byes. . . We say "Bye" to Emmett, Eli, Elliott, and Nicole who will all be moving up to preschool this summer. Neave, Carter and Tesfaamlak who'll be leaving for the summer. Neave will

join our preschool friends at Southeast in the fall and Carter to return to our room in the fall. We will miss you lots and wish only the best for all.

We would like to welcome Micah, Violet, Soren, and Elliott to our room. We look forward to getting to know them and their families. Please welcome Theresa Nikolai to our staff. She will be replacing Kylie in the afternoon.

We are planning an end of the school year Infant & Toddler Strawberry Shortcake Ice Cream Social on Tues. 6/8 at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see everyone. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards outside of the classrooms.

Please make sure to check your child's file cubby everyday and read the bulletin board outside the classroom. Those are the two places where updated information will be posted for you.

Have a wonderful summer!

Lisa, Annessa & Theresa



Thanks to all of you have been saving Box Top labels for us. As an incentive for the children to participate in this program, we hold a monthly drawing for a new Scholastic book to given to one child each month. Just put the name of your child on the back of the box top and we will draw one name from the labels collected each month. The winner we be announced in the newsletter. The drop-off box is located on the desk in the front lobby.

Congratulations Emmett Karol, the Box Top for Education book winner for the month of June.

Toddler House II

I'm looking forward to the upcoming summer. It will be nice to be able to spend more time outside playing on the playground, working in the garden and taking walks in the neighborhood.

"Happy Father's Day!" Please join us for an ice cream social on Fri., June 18th from 3:30 - 4:30. Come and help us celebrate all of our great dads.

The room will have some changes taking place over the summer. Maggie will be staying home, Takuma and Sefi will be moving up to the preschool rooms and Alyson will be joining us from the infant room.

Please send your toddler in tennis shoes rather than sandals. The sandals can be a challenge for them to walk in and to take on and off. Also, please restock your child's extra bin with clothing appropriate for summer weather making sure to have at least one pair of socks to use in the gym.

Tuesdays will be our summer splash days beginning on the 8th. Please send a swimsuit and towel. Please remember to apply sunscreen on your child for our morning outside time. I will reapply in the afternoon.

If you ever have any questions please feel free to talk to me.

Jane



Dates to Remember



Tues., 6/8-Infant/Toddler "Strawberry Shortcake Ice Cream Social" at 5:30 p.m.

Wed., 6/16-Step up to Soccer Starts

Thurs., 6/17- Gibbs Farm field Trip (Prek. & School-age)

Fri. 6/18 - Father's Day Ice Cream Social @ 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tues. 6/22 - Strawberry Picking (School-Agers)

Mon., 7/5 - 4th of July - Miniapple Closed

Thurs., 7/29 - Dodge Nature Center (Prek. & School-age)

Thurs., 8/19 - Shoreview's Indoor Playground (Prek & School age)

Children's House III

Summer is here! Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. In the mornings please apply sunscreen and we will reapply in the afternoon! We will be saying goodbye to Justin who will be attending a new school in the fall. All of us will miss you Justin, and wish you the best of luck!

In the summer we will continue to have work time. The practical life, food jobs, art, and science shelves will change throughout the summer. All donations to the classroom are greatly appreciated! Every week we will have a theme and fun activities. A few themes include a trip around the United States, bugs, camping, etc. We will be starting water days as well. We have a sprinkler for the children to run through on the playground. Please bring a towel, swimsuit, and water shoes. You may leave these things at school, but we would like after every use that you take them home to get washed.

Please remember to check the board outside the classroom. This helps inform you of what your child did for the day, as well as any upcoming events or changes in the calendar.

If you have any questions or concerns please let us know. We are looking forward to a great summer!

Jaci & Tracy

Children's House II

All beginnings have an end and our school year has come to an end. We are sad to say good-bye to our friends who will be leaving Miniapple to attend their new schools. Congratulations to all of them. We are very proud of the wonderful job they did. Best wishes to all of them and keep up the good work.

Summer time is a time to relax. We will have much more outside time and a monthly field trip will be planned for each of the summer months. We will have a new learning theme for each of the weeks during the summer that will include a trip around the United States. Be sure to keep an eye on the bulletin board for all the latest events.



We will continue with our tradition classroom sessions in the morning and the afternoon, but they will just be a little shorter in length. These are blocks of time when the children can choose freely their own activities.

We call these activities "Work". The children choose and perform so carefully and competently without feeling stressed about the work. They are relaxing in their orderliness and repetition. The children never need to worry about failing at a job, because success is built right into the activity. The teachers are there to direct the performance of each activity. It is the job itself which is instructive. Maria Montessori noticed that when outside rewards were given for a job well done, children tended not to do the job anymore. She created specific activities with rewards (ie. success and beauty) built right in them. For

example, when a child completes the spindle boxes, the last box uses the last spindle if the child has counted correctly. If the boxes and spindles do not come out evenly, the child knows automatically she/he needs to recount.



There is even a reward at that point: The child is capable of seeing the problem and correcting it without intervention from an adult. So when your child says, I did so many activities (jobs) today, remember that it is not a statement of burden, but of fulfillment and purposeful activity.

SUNSCREEN AND SUMMER SPARE CLOTHING

Please bring in a labeled sunscreen bottle for your child and sign the permission sheet outside our classroom. Please replenish your child's extra clothes bin with more weather appropriate clothing.



WATER DAYS

Starting in June we are going to start water days. Please send in a labeled swimsuit, water shoes and a towel to stay at school during the season.

Please remember to label anything that you send to school.

We are very excited and looking forward to having a wonderful summer season.



Veronica & Mary Jo

Children's House IV

Summer is here and the hot weather is in full affect. We will be outside as much as possible (on really hot days we will only be out for short periods of time). Please, dress your child in weather appropriate clothing. Apply SUNSCREEN in the mornings and we will reapply after lunch.

This summer will be full of fun activities. We will have a theme of the week- the themes will focus on a Trip Around the United States and Camps (i.e. camping, science, bugs, etc...) We will also start WATER DAYS in June. Please, leave a towel, swimsuit, and water shoes in your child's cubby. We recommend that you take them home and wash them after every use, and then bring them back the next day.



We will still have our regular morning work period. So, please try and have your child to school no later than 9:00am. This will cut down on interruptions.



The materials on the Practical Life, Science, and Art shelves will change throughout the summer. We really appreciate all of the donations. Thank you for all of your support.

We welcome a few new friends to our class this June. Welcome Nate S. and Emmett K. -we are so excited that you are joining us.

Please, check the communication board in the hallway daily for any upcoming events or changes to the calendar.

It's going to be a great summer --
Ms. Vanessa & Ms. Sonia

Have A Great Summer!!!



From
the
Miniapple Staff