

Hiland Happenings

Hiland Child Care Center

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Summer 2017

From the Directors

Thanks to all of our families, children and staff who helped to make Family Night 2017 a success. The food was great, the activities were fun and the book fair was a big hit. Our wonderful families purchased over \$400.00 in books. Your generosity allowed the center to buy over \$200.00 worth of books for the center. Each room has three to four new books for the children to explore and read. Thank you so much!! We hope to do this again sometime. Kim, our representative from Usborne Books, was pleased with the turnout and interest in the book fair.

As we move into the summer months all of our classrooms begin to relax and unwind as we enjoy the outdoor playgrounds and equipment. Our lessons, learning and play



Baby Room

On your mark...get set...GO!! That is what's going on in the Baby Room. From last season until now the room has seen transitions, new babies and new adventures. Our babies and our teachers said goodbye to Hailey, Adam and Heath as they moved up to the toddler one room. We will miss you! We give a warm welcome to the Frost and Veatch Families. We are so happy to have Felicity and Lilly in the baby room with us!

We are looking forward to the summer months. We are eager to

continue to be a focal point, but we do try to have the children take part in all that the summer has to offer – picnics outside, water fun days, nature walks, garden fun etc. This is a great time of year to kick back and just enjoy each other's company. The School Age program is in full gear as we venture outside the center to experience many fun and exciting field trips every week. No school means "Summer Fun at Hiland" for this group!! We hope all of our families are able to enjoy the warmth and the break from our everyday routines that this time of year offers us all. Enjoy!!

Some important reminders:

This is the time of year that we see ticks becoming a problem. We check the children for ticks every time they come in from outside walks/play. Please remember

see how the infants grow, learn and reach new milestones as individuals as well as a whole group. There has been a lot of sharing, hugging, crawling, standing, walking and talking in our room. We are a busy bunch,

We have so much to look forward to: new friends to play and grow with soon, nice stroller rides outside, along with more time to learn and explore.

Please do not forget to bring in sunscreen for your child as we use it when venturing outdoors. Also

to perform these tick checks at home too!

Hiland Child Care Center **does accept donations through the United Way of Allegheny County. Please use our agency code 3441 when donating.** Thank you for your support!

Tuition payments are due in to the office by the 5th of every month. To avoid a late fee, please make your payments on time. Thank you!

Hiland will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. Please mark your calendars.

If you have any questions, joys or concerns you would like to share with us please feel free to give us a call or stop in the office. You are always welcome!

Evelyn Ruck and Anne Miller

don't forget the summer attire for the hot and lazy days of summer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to the teachers in the room. We are always here to help

- Lynn, Allison, Gabby and Kat

Toddler 1

Toddler One has been having a lot of fun learning!! We have explored tunnels, built many towers and have made super cool art projects. Our color and counting recognition are really coming along well as we play

with our favorite toys in the classroom.

All of the kiddoes are quite happy about the nicer weather and are loving the doughnut! With the warmer weather upon us please switch out all of the winter clothes in your child's cubby and replace them with shorts and t-shirts. Feel free to bring in a sun hat as well! The summer months will bring a lot of outdoor play and fun water days! We will have our water days every Wednesday throughout the summer months (more information will be coming soon on this).

Hailey, Adam and Heath have joined our room and we are excited to make new friends. We are sad to see Lillian and Carson leave, but we wish them all the best. Enjoy the summer!!

-Elaine, Lena, Abrea, Jennifer and Jacob

Toddler 2

We have experienced some changes in our room since our last newsletter. Tammie, our wonderful group supervisor had to leave us to take care of herself and her husband. We will miss her and wish her the best of luck! Jennifer and Nicole have done a great job running this program during this time of transition. On May 22nd, Chrissy joined this group as our lead teacher. Chrissy comes in to this room with lots of skill, knowledge and experience working with toddlers. She and Nicole will make a super team!

As we move into summer, we said goodbye to Lea who has moved on to the Early Learner room – we know she will do well in there! We welcomed Lillian and Gavin to our class. They have adjusted nicely and have made new friends very quickly.

The Toddler Twos have been very busy. We planted flower seeds and have been carefully watering them.

They are just about ready to sprout – we can't wait!!

Summertime is so much fun. We would like to remind our parents to bring in extra clothes for the summer months (shorts, t-shirts). Also please bring in sunscreen for your child as we go outdoors every day. Each Wednesday we will be having water days outside – please bring in a swimsuit, water shoes and a towel for your child. Thanks so much!

We are very excited to work and play with your children this summer. Please feel free to stop in the room and speak to us if you have any questions, joys or concerns.

- Chrissy, Nicole, Jennifer and Jacob

Early Learners

The summer is here which means we will be spending a lot more time outside in the sun! Please send shoes that can comfortably and safely be played in and also make sure you have placed extra summer clothes in your child's cubby.

We have many fun summer themed activities planned for the children. We will be explore travel, oceans, camping, fairy tales and continents. Each week will include fun and engaging activities relating to our themes.

We need your help in gathering some additional supplies that you may have around the house for our themes: in June we are looking for camping supplies (tent, sleeping bags etc.), newspaper and cardboard tubes. In July we are looking for USA symbols as well as memorabilia and souvenirs from other countries. In August we are looking for fairy tale books. Thanks so much in advance for your help in helping us gather some of these items for the summer months!! We appreciate it.

We will also have water days outside this summer!!! Our water days will be: June 23rd, July 21st and

August 25th (weather permitting of course).

Sadly we must say goodbye to James, Zac, Gabby, Otis and Harper. They were such good friends to all of us and we will miss them!! We will be welcoming some new friends to our room this summer. We can't wait to meet them and have them join our program. We hope all of our families enjoy a fun and relaxing summer!

-Regina, Katie, Sue and Jacob

School Age

Greetings from the Garret! We are so excited to get the summer program up and running with your kids!! We have added a few new field trips this year that we think the kids are really going to enjoy!! As always please remember that tennis shoes are required on all field trips to ensure the safety of the children. Water bottles and sunscreen must also be brought to the center for those hot summer days. Please make sure that these items are labeled with your child's name. Thank you!

We have added cooking and physical fitness clubs to our program to teach the children how to follow a recipe and how to stay active and healthy.

In addition to the field trips we will be involved with some cool science experiments, art projects, board game tournaments and picnics on the playground!! Let's flip-flop into summer!!

- Shannon, Lena and Kara

