Dear Families,

Several dates and activities that are important for Bethesda Lynbrook children, families and staff are taking place this month.

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, June 11th for our End of the Year Potluck and Talent Show. The show will begin at 6 pm with the Potluck at 6:30 pm. We will celebrate the preschoolers who will be going to Kindergarten in the fall, and we will see performances from both classrooms. Please bring your favorite (Nut- Free) dish to serve 10 people. A sign up list is in the hallway as you walk in our front doors.

Starting Tuesday, June 16th, and through the end of June (weather permitting) we will have water play at the center. Please remember to send your child with a bathing suit, towel and water shoes. Please also remember that for safety reasons, flip flops and crocs that do not have a back strap are not permitted.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that we look toward the June 30th closing of our MCCA Bethesda Lynbrook Center. The Lynbrook program has been active at this location for 33 years. I hope you have some great memories of our work together and our combined efforts to nurture and care for families who relied on the center for pre-school and after-care activities. I assure you, the Lynbrook Center holds great memories for our staff. These past few years I have especially enjoyed being a part of your children’s lives. Thank you for allowing me that privilege and thank you for all of your help and ongoing support of our programs and staff.

I look forward to wishing each of you a personal good luck and best wishes as our time together draws to a close.

Michelle

What’s New

CURRICULUM CORNER

Playing with water is a sensory experience that appeals to young children. While water play can delight the senses, it can also challenge children’s minds and promote all areas of development and learning. Here are some examples:

- Water play can inspire children to work together to wash a baby doll in water or chase a giant bubble as it sails through the air.
- Children develop fine motor skills and eye–hand coordination, working with props as they pour water through a funnel or squeeze a baster full of water. They build gross-motor skills as they carry buckets of water outside.
- Children also expand their vocabularies as they learn words such as sprinkle and shallow.
- Water play is a natural companion in scientific explorations. They engage children in observing carefully, classifying, comparing, measuring, and solving problems. Children discover that, as a liquid, water can be splashed, poured, and frozen. Children learn about volume and capacity as they fill empty containers. They observe cause and effect when they observe which objects sink and which float.

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Summer Adventures

Summer Adventures sign up – pick up the information in the hallway or go to our website to fill out the information. Please make sure you register early to secure a spot for your child.

Schedule Changes to the End of the School Year

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Upcoming Dates

Thursday, June 11th – End of the Year Potluck

Suggested Resources and Reading

Water Play Websites:  
http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/50118/water-play-ideas  
http://www.honeybearlane.com/2013/05/12-water-play-activities-for-kids.html  
http://www.kidactivities.net/category/games-outside-water.aspx

Ready at Five:  Ready at five is a statewide, public/private partnership committed to ensuring that all Maryland children enter school read to succeed.  www.readyatfive.org


Prevent the Summer Slide  
http://rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/keeping-kids-off-the-summer-slide.htm  
http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/developing-reading-skills/three-ways-to-prevent-summer-slide

MCCA family Resources:  http://www.mccaedu.org/family_resources.html

Activity in Bethesda this weekend:  
http://www.bethesda.org/bethesda/imagination-Bethesda