



## FAMILY NEWSLETTER

June 2010

### Director's Corner

Finally, the end of the school year! Summer is the most exciting time of the year; beautiful weather and vacation times. Speaking of vacation, please remember that tuition is not prorated for children being absent due to vacation time, holidays or illness. So that we may plan accordingly, please let us know in advance when your child will be absent for vacation. During the summer, our teachers will be taking vacations as well. To ensure we have the proper coverage, you may see some new faces in the classrooms. We will make sure that all substitute teachers have the required qualification and experience to provide your child with optimum care.

As the summer months arrive, we are reminded that June is also a sad time for us. We will be saying farewell to several of our children who will be "graduating" to the "big boy/girl school world". We wish everyone a great and successful journey!

During the summer months, the center will follow the themes of "Summer Camp". Each classroom has come up with their own themes for the weeks: some will be talking about summer fun; others will talk about different authors and their books. During the summer camp once a week we will have "Splash Days" – please refer to your child's teacher for their classroom schedule. Students are not required to wear SSA uniforms starting on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. We will resume our school-year curriculum and the wearing of our school uniforms on Monday, August 30, 2010.

For your child's safety, it is required that your child wear sneakers to the center every day (NO sandals, open-toe shoes or shoes with the heels out). Thank you so much for your cooperation in keeping our children as safe as possible.



The staff would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful parents for the kindness and generosity shown to us during Staff Appreciation Week. We are very fortunate to have such a great group of caring and supportive parents. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve your children.

### For My Daddy / A mimi papacito

A Father's Day Poem / Un poema a mi papacito

Daddy, today I celebrate you.  
 I want to thank you for all you do.  
 I give you my love and my heart.  
 This seems the best place to start.

I want to give you a thousand things.  
 So here is my gift and all that it brings...  
 Five hundred hugs, three hundred kisses,  
 All topped off with two hundred wishes.

*Papacito, papacito querido,  
 En este día muy especial,  
 Vengo a ofrecerte mi corazón.  
 Hoy a los padres todos festejan  
 Con gran cariño, con gran amor y admiración.  
 Poder quisiera darte mil cosas y mi inspiración,  
 Pero no puedo, chiquitita soy;  
 Pero mil besos y mil abrazos,  
 Papacito querido, por seguro te doy.*

By Pam Schiller, Beverly J Irby, and Rafael Lara-Alecio



## Happy Birthday!

Christian Davis	June 1
Raena Vogeli	June 1
Javin Andrews	June 4
Destany Jones	June 6
Isaac Pena	June 6
Yuri Miller	June 9
Luna Pineda	June 10
Sol Pineda	June 10
Zoria Simmons-Williams	June 11
Brady Varnes	June 12
Navneet Panesar	June 19
Jaden Coleman	June 20
Ms Mandy	June 23
Albert Grangel	June 25



### Doughnuts for Dad

In honor of Father's Day, all Dads are invited to doughnuts and coffee on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 am – 9:30 am. Happy Father's Day!

### Upcoming Events

June 5	TK Graduation Ceremony
June 10	CMS last day of school
June 11	Summer Camp begins
June 14	Flag Day
June 18	Doughnuts for Dad
June 20	Father's Day
June 21	Summer begins
July 5	Center Closed – Independence Day



**Sun Protection** As summer approaches, remember to protect your child and yourself from the sun. Overexposure to the ultraviolet rays from the sun can cause sunburns, wrinkles, freckles, cataracts and skin cancer. Childhood is the best time to begin sun safety habits. These

habits include using sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or more, covering up with clothing, sunglasses and hats, and staying inside during the sun's peak hours or taking cover under shade from trees or umbrellas. Waterproof sunscreen should be applied 30 minutes before exposure to the sun. Do not use sunscreen containing the insect repellent DEET, which reduces the SPF of sunscreen. It is also suggested that sunscreen not be used on babies under 6 months old. Instead, cover them with clothing and shade. **We strongly encourage parents to send sunscreen to the center and sign a permission form giving us instructions for applying it. Please label with your child's first and last name.**

### Bookmark our website:

[www.ShiningStarsAcademy.com](http://www.ShiningStarsAcademy.com) – Each click through Google costs the center money. Thank you for understanding!

**F Join our group on FACEBOOK!** Our group name is Shining Stars Academy.

### Recipe of the Month – Fish in a Pond

Countless picky eaters believe that food tastes better when it is dipped before it is eaten. This charming recipe is perfect for parties, picnics or a snack.

- ½ cup low-fat cream cheese or cheese spread
- goldfish
- celery sticks, stems removed
- blue food coloring



1. Scoop the cream cheese onto a flat platter/plate. Tint the cream cheese with blue food coloring to make it look like a pond.
2. Place the goldfish around the "pond". Let the kids dip the celery sticks into the chesse, then into the crackers to "catch" a fish.

– FamilyFun.com Recipes

## "Lovable Ladybugs" N1

We would like to wish all of our wonderful dads a Happy Father's Day! We would like to welcome Yuri Miller to our class. As the summer months progress, we will transition Christian, Raena, Destany, Isaac and Yuri to Nursery 2. All of them will be turning 1 year old soon.

This month we will be talking about Animals in My World. We will talk about cats and dogs; create white & black stripes like Zebra colors, paint with feathers using different colors. We will read lots of books about animals and look at tons of pictures. Parents if you find a nice animal picture please bring it in so we can share it with our friends. Also, if you have a house pet we would like to have a picture of it as well.

If you have not done so, please complete a sunscreen permission form and bring in sunscreen for your baby. We will be spending short periods of time on the playground enjoying the fresh air.

Enjoy the summer!

Mrs. Luli & Mrs. Maria

## "Amazing Ants" N2

June is here and the sun is shining more than ever. We hope that all of our mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day. The month of June is all about awaiting summer and Father's Day. Our toddlers have developed a lot. They are learning about their body parts, shapes and colors. We would like to remind our parents to please pick up your child's "cuddle gram" and check their cubbies every day. The "cuddle grams" contain important information about your child's day and soiled clothes are frequently in the cubbies. We would like to thank all of you for the beautiful gifts we received during

Teacher Appreciation Week and thank you for trusting us with your beautiful angels.

Ms. Yolanda & Ms. Jammie

## "Beautiful Butterflies" LPK

The end of the school year is here. We are getting ready for lots of summer outdoor activities. We will have our 1<sup>st</sup> summer picnic on June 25 @ 11:30am. Parents are welcomed to join us. Every other Friday we will have an ice-cream party (making our very own sundaes & milkshakes). This month we will be learning about creatures that hop, crawl & fly. We will also talk about how the plants are growing. We would like to welcome Jaden Coleman to our classroom. Please make sure that your child has extra clothes in their cubby daily. It is getting so hot outside and most of the time it is very sunny. Please remember to bring in sunscreen and sign a permission form. Please check your child's folder on a daily basis.

Thank you for sharing your child with us.

Ms. Michele & Ms. Katheryn

## "Creative Caterpillars" UPK

Three Hoorays to all the parents at SSA for your contribution to all the teachers during the "Teacher Appreciation Week". Thanks!

Summer is right around the corner, so to kick-off the upcoming summer activities UPK children are looking forward to start our water-play days. It will be held every Wednesday if weather permits. Parents please send your child dressed in their swimsuit / swim shorts. Each child will need to bring a pair of water shoes (**NO flip-flops**), a towel, a

plastic grocery bag to put their wet clothes in, and a pair of underwear. Water play days will start on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to supply your child with 2 sets of changing clothes.

The library and optional homework are still ongoing, please feel free to check books out and return them the next day.

We're wishing a Happy Birthday to Luna & Sol Pineda on June 10<sup>th</sup> and Brady Varnes on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to welcome Omarion Davis, Jaylen Moten, Chasity Thomas, Nia Davis & Paris Spencer to our class. We are happy to have you with us.

Dates to remember:

Water Day starts on June 9

Father's Day                  June 20

First Day of Summer June 21

This month we will be talking about camping and would like to have some kid-friendly camping equipment. If you would like to share items like a tent, air mattress, backpacks, flashlights, and etc. please talk to Mrs. Ida. We also welcome parents to come and share their experience of camping like funny story or pictures.

We are planning on having an exciting time!

Mrs. Ida

## "Busy Bees" TK

Wow!!! It's hard to believe the school year is coming to a close. The year has gone by so quickly. The Bees are buzzing with so much excitement as graduation and end of the year activities approach. They have been working extremely hard and we are very proud of them. During the month of June, we will be celebrating, discussing and learning about what it means to

graduate and move on to kindergarten, bubbles and Father's Day. We will also begin our summer theme "**Leap Into Literature**". Each week we will explore books written by a famous children's author.

Week 1: June 14 ~ H. A. Rey

Week 2: June 21 ~ Mercer Mayor

Week 3: June 28 ~ Eric Carle

Week 4: July 5 ~ Dr. Seuss

Week 5: July 12 ~ Don Freeman

Week 6: July 19 ~ Jonathan London

Week 7: July 26 ~ Maurice Sendak

Week 8: August 2 ~ Ezra Jack Keats

Week 9: August 9 ~ Donald Crews

Week 10: August 16 ~ Norman Bridwell

On Thursday, June 10<sup>h</sup>, we will begin our weekly "**Wonderful Water Play**" days. Please have your Bee wear his/her swim suits under their clothes when arriving in the morning. They will need to bring a towel, water shoes (NO FLIP-FLOPS), underwear and a plastic bag to put their wet clothes in. Weather permitting; we will have "Wonderful Water Play" every Thursday.

We would like to thank all of the Moms and Grand-moms who joined us for the Mommy and Me Luncheon. We had a fabulous turnout.

In honor of our special fathers, grandfathers, uncles and brothers the center will host "Doughnuts for Dad" on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 am – 9:00 am. Please take a moment to stop by and enjoy doughnuts, coffee and juice. We would like to wish all of our dads, grand-dads, uncles and brothers a relaxing and memorable Father's Day.

Mrs. Kim & Mr. Corey