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CARNIVAL FUN

Parent Council would like to thank everyone who volunteered and/or attended the Happy Day School Carnival which was held on April 14th. This event raises money for the Parent Council for Portage County Emergency Fund. We were able to raise over \$600.00 this year! Again, we cannot express enough how thankful we are for your participation and it was a great day for families and friends! The popular cake walk along with games, concessions, bake sale, 50/50 raffle, and silent auction items were a big hit! If anyone is interested in joining Parent Council, we meet once a month at 6:30 PM in the evening, usually on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We encourage families to get involved and be a part of such fun events and future plans! The annual fee for a family is \$5.00 and a single membership is \$3.00. Please contact Debbie Kempisty at Happy Day School at 330-678-2400, if you are interested.



CALENDER



5/15/2012	6:00pm	Parent Council May Dinner at Happy Day School
5/16/2012	5:30pm	PCBDD Board Meeting at Board Office
5/17/2012	2:00pm	Volunteer Recognition-Happy Day School
5/18/2012	9:00-10:00am	Swim Group for Infants and Toddlers
5/25/2012	9:00-10:00am	Swim Group for Infants and Toddlers
5/28/2012		Memorial Day-No school in session for all students
5/29/2012		PROGRAM RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS
6/1/2012		Annual School Picnic
6/6/2012	12:00-1:00pm	Afternoon Infant Class -Time change
6/6/2012	1:15pm	Graduation Exercises
6/6/2012		Last Day of School for all students
6/8/2012	10:00am-12:00pm	HMG/Early Intervention Picnic

SUMMER FUN WITH TODDLERS



Summer is just around the corner and there are lots of fun things to do with your toddler.

Sidewalk Chalk...Sidewalk chalk is fun on the driveway. You can draw hopscotch lines to jump over (gross motor skills) or shapes to find (academic skills and language skills). Your toddler can scribble and color your pictures (fine motor skills practice). It is fun to take a spray bottle and spray a happy face or spray a chalk flower. You can paint with water on sidewalk chalk drawing or just on the pavement.

Ice Cube Painting...You can make ice cubes with popsicle stick handles and let your toddler paint on the sidewalk. A little food coloring in the ice gives you frozen water colors which make pretty pictures on paper plates or coffee filters.

Bubbles...Bubbles are fun any time of the year. You can reach up high to catch them (gross motor skills), count them (academic and language skills) and stomp or clap to pop them. Learning to blow bubbles can be hard for a toddler but they can practice language skills to ask or sign for "more".

Have fun this summer with your toddler and if you need more ideas, just ask your Early Intervention Instructor...we have lots!!!

National Occupational Therapy Month

April is National Occupational Therapy Month. To celebrate, the OT staff hosted an ice-cream social for the students and staff on April 20th. The students made ice cream cones and sundaes with their favorite flavors and toppings. Students and staff enjoyed the moment to relax and catch up with each other.

Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants help people across the lifespan participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities (occupations). Common occupational therapy interventions include helping children with disabilities to participate fully in school and social situations, helping people recovering from injury to regain skills, and providing supports for older adults experiencing physical and cognitive changes. At Happy Day, the occupational therapy staff work with the students to promote their participation in classroom activities by developing their arm strength and coordination, creating plans for sensory needs, and addressing feeding challenges.



SUMMER SAFETY

SUMMER IS A FUN TIME...MAKE IT A SAFE TIME ALSO!

WATER SAFETY...Drowning is one of the leading causes of child deaths each year. Here are a few tips to help keep kids safe around water:

- NEVER LEAVE A CHILD UNATTENDED AROUND WATER.
- Children are drawn to water; very young children can drown in just an inch of water.
- Empty all buckets, pails and bathtubs after each use. Do not leave them full and unattended.
- Always have an adult supervising young swimmers.
- Be sure the adult watching your child knows how to swim, can get emergency help and perform CPR.
- Plastic or blow-up wading pools should always be drained and stored in an upright position after each use. Children can drown in just an inch of water.
- Pools should be enclosed with a fence and locking door. Do not leave furniture around the outside to allow children to climb over the fence into the pool area.
- Floatation devices or inflatable toys are not substitutes for supervision, even if a child can swim.



NEVER LEAVE A CHILD UNATTENDED IN A CAR...The temperature inside a car can get dangerously hot, even in moderate weather with the window slightly down. Kids can suffer from heat stroke causing serious injuries and sometimes death.

- Never leave a child unattended in a car, NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE.
- Get your kids out of the car first, and then unload the groceries and other items from the car or trunk.
- Always lock your car and secure the keys so that your kids can't get to them.
- Warn your children about playing in and around cars.

OTHER SUMMER SAFETY REMINDERS

- Properly fitted helmets should always be worn when riding a bike, skateboard, scooter or rollerblading.
- Always supervise kids on play equipment.
- Use caution with outdoor grills when children are present.
- Install window guards to prevent children from falling out of the window. Never depend on screens to keep children from falling out of windows.
- Apply sunscreen, even on cloudy days, and reapply every two hours or after swimming.

