

Osage R-III Early Childhood Newsletter

July 2017



Important Dates to Remember...

Mon. 7/3	Preschool CLOSED
Tue. 7/4	Independence Day- Preschool CLOSED
Sun. 7/9	Full Moon
Wed. 7/12	Bookmobile
Sun. 7/16	National Ice Cream Day
Wed. 7/19	National Hot Dog Day
Fri. 7/21	Ms. Sarah's Last Day
Thur. 7/27	Show & Share

July Themes Each Week:

3-7	4 th of July
10-14	Bugs
17-21	Summer Foods
24-28	On the Farm/At the Zoo
31-4	Transportation

Independence Day

Happy Independence Day to all the families at Osage R-III Early Childhood Center. Please note that we will be **CLOSED** on **MONDAY, JULY 3rd & TUESDAY JULY 4th**. We wish you all a very Safe and Happy 4th of July!

Bookmobile

The Bookmobile is coming to Osage R-III Early Childhood Center on Wednesday, July 12, 2017. The bookmobile is an outreach of MO River Regional Library. It is a large bus with tons of books for the preschoolers to check out. The bookmobile comes to preschool once a month. Your child has the opportunity to check out a book to

bring back to their classroom and share with their friends. We love going to the bookmobile!

Welcome Friends!

We welcome to preschool this month our friends:

Cora Stegeman on July 10th
Harper Moeller on July 24th

Openings

Osage R-III Early Childhood Center does have a couple of openings for preschoolers ages 3-6 years old and potty trained. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling their child please tell them to call 455-2375 ext. 211 or e-mail at heimerickst@fatimacomets.org. We would be delighted to have them!

Last Day at OECC

If your child/children will be starting Kindergarten this Fall, please don't forget to give Ms. Trisha a note in writing at least 2 weeks ahead of time stating your child's last day with us. **According to our Preschool Parent Handbook, the Friday in August, immediately preceding the beginning on the district's school year, as the final day for all preschoolers who will be beginning kindergarten. This year that date is Friday, August 11, 2017.** This will help us in keeping up our enrollment. Thank you in advance!

Statements & Invoices

I sent out all June 2017 statements today. Many of you have provided me with your email address for where you would like your statements and invoices sent each month. **If you have not done so, a 2nd Notice is going home today in your child's mailbox. Please send this back ASAP** as I would like to **go paperless for statements and invoices by the end of this month.**

Again, my plans are to send out an invoice at the beginning of each month and a statement out on/around the 15th of the month and again on the last day of the month. We will try this and see how it goes. I hope this will answer any questions about billing you might have.

Good-Bye Ms. Sarah

Ms. Sarah's last day at OECC will be July 21, 2017. Ms. Sarah enjoys working at preschool. However, she has found a teaching job closer to her home, which will allow her to have more time with her family. We wish her well with her new job!

Show & Share

Show and Share will be on Thursday, July 27, 2017. Your child may bring in a toy/item from home that they would like to share with their friends on that day. The item has to fit in a Wal-Mart bag.

Tennis Ball Donations

We are collecting tennis balls for preschool. Our plans are to cut the tennis balls and put them on the bottoms of the chair legs to help prevent our floors from getting so scratched up. We could use approx. 230 tennis balls total.

Sun Safety Tips...

It is very important that we watch our little ones closely out in the sun. The sun can be fun to play in, but dangerous. Remember these sun safety tips as you play outdoors.

- Stay in the shade whenever possible, and limit exposure during the hours of 10a.m. and 4p.m.
- Use sunscreen with SPF of 15 or greater.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours or after swimming or sweating.

Following these ideas can help keep your little one safe this summer!

Summer Food

With summer here the gardens are plentiful with fresh vegetables and fruits. Exposing your children to new foods can create healthy eating habits that last a lifetime!

Ways to Introduce New Foods:

- Have children help prepare the new food for a snack or meal.
- Teach children about food and nutrition
- Serve a new food along with familiar foods
- Let children participate by deciding what new foods they want to try.

Did you know it can take up to 10 exposures to a new food for a child to finally try it and enjoy it??