

June 2017

CPS & ECC Gazette

Director's Corner

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the 2017 Graduates and children of Binghamton University! I have always admired how families (particularly the students) balance college, work and being a parent(s) actively involved in their children's lives. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. We would love to see you all again whenever you can!

Here are a few fun learning activities for the summer:

Count the seeds while you eat watermelon • Count the stairs as you walk up and down • Read stories outside under a tree • Go to the library story hour • Have a play date and invite one of your child's friends over to play • Make play dough with your child • Sing familiar songs in the car • Do cooking activities together (cookies, pizza) • Hidden Letters--Build observation skills by asking your child to look for letters of the alphabet on boxes, cans of food and household supplies

- Disappearing Letters--Promote creativity and build muscle control with a pail of water and a brush
- On a warm day, take your child outside to the sidewalk and encourage them to write the alphabet or letters of their name.

Most of all...HAVE FUN together!

Have a wonderful summer and thanks for sharing your children with us!

Tonya Rivera
Executive Director

Thank you to Miss Kristina
for compiling the end of year DVD's!

SPARROWS

The beginning of summer is upon us. Please continue to provide light jackets/sweaters. Our outside time is 10:00 am-it may be chilly. We have been planting and caring for our garden. We have talked about farms, baby animals and have visited some chicks in the older classes.

We will continue to plant, care for the garden and learn about bugs and crawly things. "Gross" said Isabella.

If it does warm up quickly, we will be doing water play outside. Please provide water shoes and swim clothes and/or extra clothes for when we get wet.

With warmer weather, we can use fresh fruits (melons and berries), 100% fruit pops, veggie stixs, and veggie pirate booty for snacks. We now have 6 children. If you would like to, you can sign up for snack twice this month.

It has been a great year! We look forward to a fun summer.

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise, & Ms. Christina

CHICKADEES

In June, we will be talking about and doing project related activities for summer. We will also be working on special gifts for Father's Day.

We sadly said our goodbyes to Yousef at the end of May. He will be spending the summer home with his family.

We would also like to say happy birthday to Austin (20th), Yousef (23rd), and Kayra (24th), who all will be turning three. Happy Birthday to all!

Also in June we will be doing Family/Teacher conferences for anyone that is interested. A sign up sheet is posted in our classroom.

The Chickadees would like to thank all our parents for making teacher appreciation week very special! All your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

Reminders: Please remember sunscreen and water bottles for your child to have outdoors during the hot weather. As the weather gets warmer, we will be doing a lot of outdoor water play. Your child will need bathing suits, towels, hats and water shoes. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Chris!

Lastly, we want to welcome Kaitlyn to our classroom! She has been a great team player and the children as well as the teachers are very happy to have her in our classroom!

Ms. Chris, Ms. Emily, & Ms. Kaitlyn

SWANS

Spring is almost through and summer is on its way! The Swan class has had a great year together! At the end of June, we will be saying goodbye to Collin, Macsen, and Aldon. We wish them a wonderful summer! During the 5-week summer session, the Swan class will be combining with the Dove class next door.

For the month of June we are going to be diving into reptiles and amphibians, fathers, summer, and sky themes. We continue to be outside as much as possible. So be sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and shoes. We are looking forward to a fun-filled June!

Ms. Sarah, Ms. Michelle, & Ms. Kesshia

DOVES

Hello, families!

Here in the Dove's Room, we had a marvelous May! We celebrated our mothers with some lovely handmade gifts, had a lot of fun studying farm animals, learned a little bit about the creatures that live in ponds and rivers, and finished the month with a study of some of our favorite jungle animals.

Now we're heading into a joyous June! In June, we'll be working more with plants and gardening, as well as taking advantage of the beautiful weather to explore our campus and all of the wonderful nature opportunities it provides. We'll also be doing a transportation unit, as well as celebrating all of our wonderful fathers!

As a note, we know that it is sandal season, but please keep in mind that we still need sneakers for our outdoor play. We're more than happy to have you store spare shoes in the classroom, or help your children change footwear throughout the day as needed.

Looking forward to a joyous June!

Thanks,
Ms. Liz, Ms. Tammy, & Ms. Amatullah

HUMMINGBIRDS

We can't believe it is almost the end of the school year already! We have enjoyed getting to know you and your children. It is exciting to see how much they have grown and matured throughout the year.

We would like to thank you all for your help and support throughout the year. Working together benefits all of the children,

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and we wish the best to all of you in your future adventures!

In June we will be doing end of the year conferences. If you would like to meet, we will have a sign up sheet posted. If the dates and times are not convenient, please see me and we can make other arrangements.

We would like to wish Dario a happy birthday! We would like to wish Thomas, Gabe, and Nina a happy birthday in July and happy birthday to Julia who will be celebrating in August!

Have a great summer!
Ms. Gabe, Ms. Michele, & Ms. Janet

PUFFINS

Can you believe it? The end of the year is almost here. We have enjoyed getting to know you and your children. It is exciting seeing how much they have grown throughout the year.

Many thanks to all of you for your support throughout the year. We hope you have a wonderful summer and wish the best to all of you in your future adventures.

In June we will be doing end of year conferences. If you would like to meet, a sign-up sheet is posted on the Parent News Board.

Have a great summer!
Ms. Claire, Ms. Lynda & Ms. Rebecca

FLAMINGOS

Our year has been full of fun, laughter and hard work. Together we made new friends and experienced the love of learning through new experiences, thematic units, hands on activities, socialization and loving and caring for one another.

The closing of one door and the opening of another... We want to thank each child for all the warmth, memories and the learning that we have shared this school year.

To our students, we say "Thank You"! For when we teach, we also learn. This past year we have grown together. A little bit of each of you will always be with us. Always strive to be the BEST that you can be. Ms. Phyllis and I are so very proud of all of you!

To the parents, we say "Thank You" for allowing us to be your child's teachers. We appreciate your help and guidance this year. We couldn't have done it without you.

It has been a wonderful rewarding year for us. We will love your child always. Good Luck in Kindergarten Flamingos!

Love,
Ms. Miranda & Ms. Phyllis

Important Event: Graduation ceremony is Friday, June 9th. There will be a letter in your mailbox with further information.

PEACOCKS

May was a BUSY month. We enjoyed the warmer weather and getting outside on the playground. During our farm and garden unit we learned about the life cycle of chickens and have an incubator in class with 16 eggs; hopefully hatching in early June! We spent time getting down and dirty working in the garden and planting our sunflowers and vegetables.

I enjoyed meeting with you all during family/teacher conferences and it has been truly my pleasure getting to know and work with your children. In these past few months, Ms. Carolyn and I have seen a lot of academic and social/emotional growth in your children. They are smart, inquisitive and have had fun learning and growing together.

In June we will be exploring space and celebrating Father's Day and the important role they play in the lives of children. Our graduation ceremony is scheduled for June 16th and we look forward to seeing you. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for their support this past school year. Your children are the future and it's been a privilege being a part of their early learning years.

Happy Birthday to Emily who will be 6 (16th), Damien who will be 5 (26th), and Hannah who will be 5 (27th)!

Also, Happy Early Birthday to Hunter (7/1) and Tessa (7/18) who will both turn 5 in July!

We wish them all much success and have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Ms. Julie & Ms. Carolyn

STUDENTS

For students applying for Block Grant Funding for Fall 2017, please let us know what your Summer address will be so we can contact you when the new applications are available. Changes in funding and eligibility requirements have yet to be announced.

Thank you for making our Teacher Appreciation week so special! We enjoyed being pampered throughout the week! Thank you to all who contributed in making our week special, especially our parents who share their children with us every day.

From: C.P.S. TEACHERS

PREPARE FOR THE OUTDOORS:

As we begin to take full advantage of the **outdoors**, we suggest as a courtesy that you take time to prepare for what you might encounter during your outings.

1. **Sunshine**-hat, sunscreen & drinking water
2. **Mosquitoes & gnats**—bug spray: When your family's and pets' activities commonly include playing, walking and hiking in brushy, wooded areas, or tall grassy fields, **ticks can be a factor.**

3. **Ticks** – you may want to conduct daily tick checks (they look like freckles).

Remember to keep an eye on your pets too!

Here are some **Summer snack ideas....**
frozen yogurt/juice pops, seasonal fruits, berries, melons, and veggies.

Reminder

The last day of the Spring Semester for the 10 month calendar is **June 30th, 2017**

CPS will be **closed**
JULY 5-9th

In observance of
July 4th

Summer Session will be
July 10th
through
August 11th

Shelter in Place Drill

Shelter in Place Drill will be held on **Tuesday, June 20th at 10 am.** During this time, no one will be allowed to enter/leave the building. Door codes will not work during the drill. If you are in the building during this time, you will have to remain in the building until the drill is over.

Please plan accordingly.