

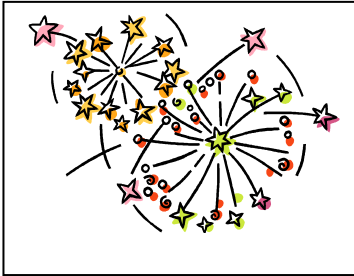
Giant Step July Newsletter 2011

News

Yearly registration will be assessed with the August billing.

Renewal of all enrollment forms also in August.

Reduced-rate-tuition assistance is available for those who qualify. If you think you may qualify, please submit a letter of intent (why) and last year's tax return to Kari. All information will remain confidential.



Looking for 3 railroad ties ...I think this would work to reinforce the fence instead of repairing the fencing. Please deliver to the east side of the play yard (on the outside of the fence). Thank you if you have them!

Important Dates:

Happy 4th of July! –**Closed**

July 7-Macaroni Day

July 8-**Closed**

July 13-National French Fry Day

July 15-**Closed**

July 20-National Lollipop Day

July 22-**Closed**

July 28-Milk Chocolate Day

July 29-**OPEN!!!!**

Let's Get Messy!

Preschoolers learn about life through mucky, muddy, hands-on play by Susan A. Miller, Ed.D. excerpted from Scholastic Parent & Child, (April 2009), p. 70.

Preschoolers learn best through hands-on sensory experiences. They discover the principle of cause and effect, develop hand-eye coordination skills, and practice fine and large motor skills. Their imagination runs free in the muck as they experiment with artistic designs, mathematical patterns, and textures.

Provide your preschooler with opportunities to engage with tactile materials. Tempera paint can help with problem-solving abilities and learn about transformations. Preschoolers like transforming flour, salt, and water into homemade play dough. As they squish it and squeeze it, kids exercise fine motor skills, experiment with shapes, and dabble in sculpture.

Threes and fours can share toys and tools in the name of a common goal-for instance, swapping pails and scoops to mix sand and water as they "bake" the biggest cake ever.

Depending on your child's temperament, creative activities like these can be calming. Your child might like to manipulate a mound of shaving cream in the tub or pound on a huge wad of clay with his fist to release anger or tension.

Your child may like to observe at first. The best part of messy play for preschoolers is that it is a truly fun way to learn. Kids make spontaneous choices as they interact with all sorts of exciting goops, pastes, and slimes.