

The Country Woodland Connection JUNE 2023

Pre-K Graduation reminder! 6/16

Our Treasure Hunters graduation is on Friday June 16, at 10:30am. The ceremony will take place outside, in our front black top area, so fingers crossed for a sunny, bright morning! We ask that our other 5 classes please try to drop off your child by 10am that day to avoid the trouble of finding convenient parking.

Treasure Hunter families: We know parking space is limited, we will do our best to have accommodating options, but you may need to park in the street.

Congratulations Class of 2023! This is a very exciting time. Thank you to all of the staff at CW for all of your support, but special thanks go out to Ms. Fiorella, Ms. Susan, Ms. Allie and Ms. Kat. And a SUPER special thank you to our Treasure Hunter class for an extraordinary year.

For those moving on to kindergarten, you will be greatly missed. We wish you success as you move on to your elementary career. Please come visit:)



Theme for June:

Ocean Commotion!



Kidokinetics

Kidokinetics is an all around sports fitness program for children of all ages that bring sports knowledge and fitness skills to children of all ages and abilities. "The magic of Kidokinetics is that we've made sure achieving goals is an exciting experience — one that is so much fun, kids aren't even aware of the fact that they're learning." Kidokinetics visits CW on 6/20 @10 to kick off the first day of summer!

Summer Registration

Summer at CW officially begins Tues. 6/20. Along with puppet shows, moon bounces, ice cream trucks, and other fun activities, our teachers have tons of amazing activities planned! Please make sure you have paid the \$75 summer registration fee. If you plan on attending for fall, 9/5, please make sure you have paid the fall registration fee to hold your spot. We are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and meeting some new friends this season.



NEW CLASSES

Some children will receive notice soon about moving to a new class for summer and/or fall and some children may stay in their current room for summer and/or fall. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's placement please feel free to speak to your child's teacher or reach out to the office. These decisions are usually based on enrollment, age, and/or developmental needs. We can't wait for summer!

Swim Safety Presentation



Big Blue Swim School will visit Country Woodland 6/14 to put on an interactive Water Safety Presentation at 10:30. This is a short presentation geared towards young kids to teach them the importance of being safe in and around the water. "Big Blue Swim School teaches kids ages 3 months to 12 years how to be safe, happy, and confident swimmers. Learning to swim is about becoming safer in the water and unlocking the potential of each child. Our professional staff teach the foundational elements of swimming so kids can swim farther and farther independently. Along the way, kids learn about themselves, discover how to build confidence, engage curiosity, and develop resilience." We are really interested to see the presentation to learn about swim and water safety so we can have a super safe summer!

BIKE and WATER DAY



We will begin having bike day and water play day once a week beginning the week of 6/26 and lasting throughout the summer. Water play is sprinklers, water tables, and wading pools for potty trained kids. A permission slip is required for water play, sent home soon, please sign and return. For bike day, we have plenty of bikes for the children to enjoy, but you are welcome to bring in a bike from home if it makes your child happy! Please just make sure it is labeled with your child's name as to avoid any confusion. Some of us may have the same bike! We also recommend a helmet, elbow & knee pads if you like. Please label these items as well. Class schedules will be sent home soon. Welcome summer!

Thank you to the wonderful parents and children that thought of the teachers and office for teacher appreciation last month. Your kind-hearted thoughts and gifts really mean a lot to us all. We have the best families ever!

END-OF-THE YEAR CONFERENCES

All children are unique and individual, and grow and develop at different levels and speeds. We are thankful to have the opportunity to experience various milestones with your children and are very proud of everyone's efforts and successes. After you receive your child's end-of-the year progress report, if you have questions or would like more details you are welcome to sign up for a phone call conference or, if you prefer, we can set up sit down parent/teachers conferences.

The following important information is taken from KidSense Child Development. Many people think of academics, writing their name, counting to 10, knowing colours, etc. as the important school readiness skills. However, school readiness actually refers to a much broader range of skills. School readiness refers to whether a child is ready to make an easy and successful transition into school. In addition to some academic basics, school readiness skills learned in pre-school should include self care (such as independent toileting and for example opening lunch boxes) attention and concentration, physical skills (e.g. to have the endurance to sit upright for an entire school day) emotional regulation, language skills, play and social skills. Important examples of school readiness are: Following teachers instructions, comprehending and articulating language, reasoning and thinking skills, multi tasking, compromising with others, perceiving emotions, understanding ones own body, planning, cause and effect, and response to challenges; just to name a few.

If a child has difficulty with school readiness, they might:



Not be toilet trained. Be socially immature.

Have limited play skills (and can't change their play to incorporate new play items or people)

Be resistant to new activities, not interact well with their peers, in or out of the classroom.

Rely on parents to do self care tasks, have poor language skills.

Be resistant to input from others in order to learn. Have difficulty understanding consequences of their behaviours.

Get easily frustrated when expectations are placed upon them To Continue to improve school readiness skills, work on fine motor skills, cutting, colouring, drawing, etc. increase expectations of social skills in groups settings, stick to and be aware of schedules, increase expectations of self-care tasks, read books with children and regularly do sit-down activities, teachers and parents should collaborate with each other to identify any sign of deficit or slow development to target these areas before school begins. You only get one chance to make an easy and successful school entry. Act early to preserve self esteem and to create a positive "love school" attitude in the early years!

KONA ICE

Fun In June:

*6/7 Father's Day Donuts for Dad 10:30

*6/14 Swim Safety Presentation 10:30

*6/16 Pre-K Graduation 10:30

*6/19 Closed for Juneteenth

*6/20 Kidokinetics 10:00

*6/20 First day of Summer Session

*6/21 Kona Ice 10:30

The Kona Ice truck pulls into CW to ring in the first official first day of summer. Whatever your favorite flavor, we will be sure to please everyone when each class gets to enjoy making their own icee treat. 6/21 10:30.



FATHER'S DAY INVITE!

Please join us for

"Donuts for Dad"

No RSVP required.

To: All of CW Dads

What: Donuts for Dads

When: Wed. 6/ 7 10:30

Where: The CW playground

Hope to see you there!

SUN-SCREEN & BUG SPRAY

We will be spending a lot of time outside, and it is always good to be protected. Please fill out and return the permission slip if you would like our staff to apply sun screen/bug spray to your child. Your teacher or the office have extra if needed. You must provide the actual lotion in its original container and have it labeled with your child's name. Siblings need their own separate bottles. This is a licensing regulation. Thank you.