Hello CDL families!

The summer is well underway! We have been fortunate to have great weather for the children to get plenty of outside time. As a reminder, we will not be taking the children outside if the heat index is over 90 degrees. This summer we are also seeing some transition with our ITT children moving to preschool. Charlee from East and Caden from West are in the process of transitioning. The ITT and PS staff work together on making this as smooth as possible for the children; working together to create a transition schedule based on individual temperaments and needs.

Speaking of transitions, we have successfully finished up our Heating Renovations for the CDL. There were slight inconveniences that we worked around, and the end result will be a brand new heating system that is sure to be a dramatic improvement.

We have one more transition to speak of...Jessica Rodgers in the ITT East classroom will be moving in July. Her last day at the CDL will be July 15. We have been very blessed to have such a wonderful teacher on our team. We all wish Jessica the very best in the new chapter in her life. On that note, the CDL has successfully completed a search for a new teacher, and we are thrilled to announce that Christy Pelikan will be joining the CDL on July 18. Christy comes to us as a graduate of our Child Development Program in the spring of 2014; and, as an experienced Child Development Supervisor from Campus Child Care. She has her level 5 Early Childhood and Infant/Toddler Credentials from Illinois Gateways. Please join me in welcoming Christy later on in July.

I will plan for a summer Parent Advisory Board to meet sometime in July. An email will be sent to all families inviting their participation. At our last Parent Advisory Board meeting, we reviewed the applications for the CHHS Endowment for the CDL in providing financial assistance to our families who participate in CCAP. The endowment would assist them in paying their co-pays for the remainder of FY16 (April, May, and June). All families who applied were granted the endowment, and we are currently working with Bursars to credit accounts. This will prove to be a significant assistance for our low income families. Thankfully, we’ll be offering this again for FY 17 for the summer, fall, and spring semesters.

Looking ahead for the fall semester, the CDL will be hosting a Open House on August 19 from 10:00-11:30 am. This is a perfect opportunity to come and meet the new fall interns and get to talk to your child’s primary caregiver. Please mark your calendars and we hope many of you can make it.

Have a wonderful month!

Lisa Schmidt
Co-Director for Operations
Hello Preschool Families!

July is here and we have been taking advantage of this beautiful weather. We have been exploring the natural environment, taking walks, and participating in water play. We examined the plants, insects, and trees and researched facts through books and the internet. We specifically explored bees, spiders, and ants since we saw them on our playground.

We explored the vet office/pet store in dramatic play. Several children have talked about having pets and how we would care for them. We practiced our fine motor skills with a wiggly caterpillar. The children used tongs to pick up a marble off of the moving arms. We have spent time talking about healthy eating and exercising. We made fruit kabobs, yoga, and sorted food into groups on a giant my plate board. We would like to give a warm welcome to Charlee and Caden, they are transitioning over from ITT. We look forward to having them in the preschool room.

Sincerely,

Kristi, Jamie, Katie, & Sam

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Caden

Charlee
Hello ITT East Families!

Our semester has been off to a great start! Summer temperatures have finally arrived and with the sunny skies and warm temperatures, we have taken full advantage of playing outside and going for walks.

We’ve been playing on our playground and we have been taking walks from the CDL all over campus—including all the way to the lagoon on campus!

In addition to all of our gross motor activities, the children have been very engaged in art activities. We have been using our fine motor skills to paint, watercolor, draw with chalk—a lot of different aspects of art! The children’s creativity is being displayed throughout our classroom!

We would also like to introduce a new friend to our classroom. We are excited to have Khaled join our ITT East classroom and get to know him and his family.

Charlee has also been transitioning to the preschool classroom and although we will miss her, we know she will have lots of fun in preschool and wish her all of the best!

Sincerely,

Clarissa, Jessica, Natalalee, and Krysten
Hello ITT West Families!

With the warm weather and sunny skies, we have been spending much of our time outdoors, on the playground or going on walks. The children have noticed more bugs, such as dragonflies, butterflies, and moths. This has sparked an interest among the children, as they have been pretending to be bugs in the classroom. We have brought toy bugs, magnifying glasses, and books on bugs into the classroom to expand on their learning.

We are happy to have Brittney back in our classroom for the rest of the summer! Brittney has been helping in our classroom as an assistant teacher since she completed the practicum in the fall semester of 2014. We are also very excited to welcome two new friends to our classroom, Alexander and Clara! We look forward to getting to know them and their families. This month, Caden will be transitioning into the preschool classroom. We will miss him dearly but wish him the best of luck!

As a reminder, family night will be July 18th. We look forward to what the interns have planned and hope to see you all there! Also, please remember to check your child’s cubbies for artwork or reminders for clothing.

Sincerely,

Casey, Ecila, Brittney, & Christina
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