

# THE CHALLENGER



## SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp begins on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Plans are well underway for a summer filled with exciting field trips, special center-wide events, and hours of outdoor fun! Please be sure and register your child for summer camp right away!! Summer Camp activity fees of \$100 **MUST** be paid before your child can start the program. Be sure and sign up for a summer filled with swimming, movies, gymnastics, hiking, arts, music, and more!



## MAY CURRICULUM

- 1-4 In My Garden
- 7-11 Kids Can Be Superheroes Too!
- 14-18 Days of the Dinosaur
- 21-25 What's the Weather?
- 29-31 Creepy Crawlers

May will be filled with planting our gardens, learning how children can be superheroes, digging for dinosaur bones, identifying the weather, and exploring for creepy crawlers. Watch for ways to join the fun!

## MEMORIAL DAY



Just a reminder that the center will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day!

## VOLUNTEERING

If you, a family member, or a friend would like to volunteer your time to benefit the children, Early Challenges has many opportunities from storytelling/reading, assisting with crafts/artwork, gardening, painting of classroom shelving/cubbies, assisting with special events, and lots more. If you are interested, please see administration. Your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated.

## PRESCHOOL CELEBRATION

Wow! Where has the year gone? Although we are so happy to see the growth our preschoolers have made, we are sad to see them go!! All preschool parents and families, please mark your calendars for May 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. and join us for a preschool celebration filled with memories. Weather permitting we will be outside; please bring a lawn chair.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Plants and seeds for our garden and classroom projects

- Unused Carpet pieces – big & small
- Old button-up shirts for art
- Any used toys
- Brown paper bags
- Leftover paint or primer
- Lightly used children's books
- Old flower pots

## SUMMER VACATIONS & ATTENDANCE

As the summer months draw near, Early Challenges would like to remind parents to please inform Classroom staff and/or administration of planned absences in advance. This courtesy is greatly appreciated!

## HIP-HIP-HOORAY

We would like to send out special thanks to our community helper guests:

Chris & Meredith Crookshanks (Robbie's parents) for EMT fun, a hop inside an ambulance, teaching us what EMTs look like in full gear, and the important role they play during an emergency. Also thanks for the coloring pages.

Carla Pastorio (Holden & Emery Waller's mom) for telling us all about money and banking, showing us dollar bills and coins. Also thanks for the donated books for classrooms

Officer Wall from the Christiansburg Police Department for teaching us about his police equipment, how his police car works, and how important police officers are to us when we need help. Also thanks for the goodie bags.

Scott & Tonya Phillips (Braden's parents) for loads of firefighter fun, climbing in the truck, seeing the water hose, turning the steering wheel and flashing the lights. Also thanks for the goodie bags and fire hats.

....And for RECYCLE WEEK, we would like to thank...

The VT Recycling Club for coming to the center along with Wall-E the Trash Robot, who taught the children about the importance of recycling, how to recycle, and what to recycle.

## CAUTION TO BE TAKEN

Another unfortunate incident has occurred in our Early Challenges' parking lot leading us to issue our parents and staff this precaution. Please **do not leave valuables in your vehicle!** Consider either placing them in the storage compartment, in the trunk, or simply bring them into the center with you. Although our parking lot is equipped with surveillance cameras, these extra steps may help prevent another theft situation, hours of recovery and inconvenience for the victim, and reoccurring incidents. Thanks for your vigilance

## JUST A REMINDER: NEEDED FOR YOUR CHILD

This is just a reminder that each child in the center must have the following provided by parents in order to keep our classrooms organized and our children happy:

- A standard size crib sheet
- A plastic basket no bigger than 10" wide by 10" deep by 8" wide
- A blanket – optional but recommended for coziness during naptimes

Sheets and blankets are to be taken home on Fridays for laundering. Please remember the importance of returning these items each Monday!

Also in order to maintain orderliness and space in the classrooms, Early Challenges asks that parents leave extra clothing, the above mentioned items, etc. in your child's cubby. **Please take backpacks, diaper bags, etc. along with you when departing for the day.**

Thanks for assisting in helping keep our center organized and your child well equipped for each day.



## CHANGING WEATHER NEEDS

Please check your child's cubby and with your child's teacher for warm weather needs! Parents are asked to change out cooler weather clothing for warm weather items. Sunscreen, needed for outside play, must be signed in with your child's teachers. Please make sure you have a change of clothes or two in case we get wet!!