



THE VILLAGE COMMON CHILDREN'S CENTER
“Committed to the Education and Care of Young Children”

“CAROL'S CORNER” MAY 2024 PARENT NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone!

Happy May!!! WOW, so hard to believe that the school year is actually almost over, truly feels like we just started. I walk through the classrooms and am amazed at how much all the children have grown and changed since the start of this school year!

So now that the nice weather is finally here to stay for a while, we will be spending a lot more time outside! Please remember to send in sunscreen and bug spray for your child (clearly labeled with their name). Please be sure to hand these items directly to a teacher, they cannot be left in a child's backpack or cubbie. And please remember that we cannot use aerosol sprays, these items must be cream or pump spray. Also, please make sure to apply sunscreen/bug spray to your child before they come to school each morning for their morning playground time, and staff will re-apply in the afternoon after rest and snack time for their afternoon playground time. Thanks so much for your attention to these requests.

Please also remember that the nice weather also becomes tick season. Note that it looks like we are going to have a bad tick season again this year. While the staff will do “tick checks” here at school, in addition to putting on and sending in bug spray, please make sure you are checking your children at home at the end of each day. Also, please know that should we find a tick on your child that has embedded itself, we will need to call you to come take care of it as staff are not allowed to remove an embedded tick. Just a little “tick tip” especially if

you have wooded or tall grass areas around your homes, or if you take your children hiking in the woods, and especially if out in these areas the children are wearing dark colored clothing—use a lint roller on your children (and yourselves) when you get back inside. My son and daughter-in-law do this on my grandchildren and their golden retriever every day and they are always amazed at the ticks they pull off of them with the lint roller. Ugh, the joys of living in the woods and loving to play outside!!!

The second week of May (5/6-5/10/24) is Teacher Appreciation Week. Please show some love to our AMAZING staff who work so hard every day to make sure that your children are safe, well cared for, and having FUN while they grow and learn every day!

We still have some openings for our Summer Program which will start on Monday, July 8th. Please remember that if you are registered for the Fall, you are required to enroll in at least four weeks of the Summer Program in order to retain that Fall registration. Our Summer Program is not quite as formal as our school year programs and weather permitting, we will be spending a lot more time outside engaging in nature-based art activities, fun gross motor games and lots of water play—wading pools and sprinklers, and water tables! The “mud kitchen” on the playground, which one of my sons built for us last year, is a VERY popular activity on the playground, water + dirt = MUD, what’s not to love!!! We will also take the children on neighborhood walks, (especially on the rail trail, which is just awesome!!) we will visit the animals at the Farmer’s Exchange, we’ll take a picnic to the town playground and attend special events at the town library! It’ll be a fun, busy summer for sure!!

The teachers have begun working on your children’s end-of-the-year progress reports. They will go home the week of June 17th. If you feel the need for a parent/teacher conference after reading these reports, please do not hesitate to let your child’s teacher know and they will set that up for you.

Please remember that VCCC will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

If anyone is looking for a fun night out on Saturday, May 11th, the Townsend Congregational Church is having their annual Spring Auction upstairs in the church hall. Preview of items starts at 5:00, Auction starts at 6:00. There will be free refreshments and beer, wine and soda for sale! LOTS of great items in the Auction, come join the fun, I went last year and had a blast!!!

END OF SCHOOL YEAR REMINDERS:

May 27th---CLOSED for Memorial Day

June 19th---CLOSED for Juneteenth Day

June 28th---LAST day of school, CLOSING at 12:30PM

July 1st-5th---CLOSED for Summer Vacation

July 8th---Start of Summer Program

August 16th---LAST day of Summer Program, CLOSING at 12:30PM

August 19th-23rd---CLOSED for Work Week

August 26th---New School Year Begins

Well I think that's it for now! **Thank you all for your continued support of our program, we couldn't do what we all love to do here at VCCC without your patronage.** As always, if anyone has any questions, comments or concerns, please do not ever hesitate to see, call or email me.

Rainbow Wishes,

Carol Ciccolini, VCCC Director

