



Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to reflect on what a successful year it has been and to thank all of you, our valued parents. Your children have demonstrated growth in all of the developmental domains: personal and social development, language and literacy, mathematical thinking, scientific thinking, social studies, the arts and physical development and health as reflected in their multiple assessment results. Students entered the Early Childhood Program eager to learn and have successfully met curriculum goals and teachers' expectations. Their memorable educational experiences through field trips, classroom activities and positive adult child interactions will prepare them for new challenges and a smooth transition to kindergarten.

It is my pleasure to thank, all parents for your cooperation, support, and the opportunity to educate your precious children. You are to be commended for your active involvement in the education of your children which was evident by your attendance at school activities field trips, parent workshops, parent conferences and use of educational resources that have been accessible to you through the classroom teacher. Thank you for all you have done to make our year memorable and successful. Have a wonderful summer!

Sheila Ceasar, District Early Childhood Supervisor

Dates to Remember

Early Dismissal

June 14, 2012
Last Day of School

August
Parents will receive
notification about their
child's placement

September 6
First Day of School

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Tools of the Mind is filled with activities that can be worked on at home. Don't let the summer months slip by without practicing any skills that they worked so hard learning all year long!



News from Decatur Avenue Early Childhood Center

Decatur Avenue Fun in the Sun Day was on Friday June 8th. The children rotated through many activities throughout the morning. Some of the activities included face painting, an obstacle course, bubbles, parachute, bounce houses, relay race, and making their own visors. They also enjoyed snow-cones, ice-pops and hot dogs with their parents. Several parents participated with their child in the activities. Parents, students and staff enjoyed their day at Decatur Avenue Early Childhood Center.



Classrooms at Decatur Avenue participated in an end of the year celebration. Parents contributed food and helped decorate their rooms. Students sang songs and received certificates. Parents of students who are leaving Decatur Avenue to enter Kindergarten next year received keepsakes of their child's preschool experience. Mrs. Bickel and Ms. Davenport's class End of the Year Performance included "Soul Man" by the "Blues Brothers" and Aretha Franklin's "RESPECT." The children did a wonderful job and the parents appreciated the hard work involved.



Anytime Activities

I Love You

Tell your child four things that you love about him/her. Write them on a sheet of paper and give it to your child to keep.

Heading to Kindergarten?

It's all about A,B,C's and 1,2,3's!

★ Continue to practice your letter sounds! The more sounds you can identify, the easier reading will be for you.

Help your child with number recognition - when you see a number, make a point to talk about it.

Outdoor Fun

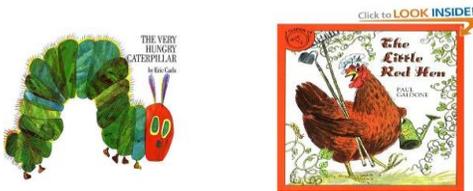
Observation Walk

Take a walk with your child. As you walk ask your child to look at the different ways people are moving. Example: walking, running, biking, driving, etc. Ask your child to tell you how the people are moving. During your walk, suggest that the two of you find and name things that grow. Examples: trees, flowers, cats, people, etc.

Traffic Light

While out walking with your youngster, see if he or she can tell you the colors on a traffic light. Talk about what each color means. Go over important points of safety with him or her. Talk about how and when to cross the street.

Summer Reading



Summer reading is a great way to get your child interested in books, on his or her own terms. For the best books for preschool summer fun, we turned to the nation's finest independent bookstores to get their favorites, from classics to new releases, swashbuckling adventures to the just plain fun, silly or sweet. Here are their recommendations for summertime full of fantastic books:

- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse - Kevin Henkes
- Clifford - Norman Bridwell
- Angelina and Alice - Katharine Holabird
- Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale - Mo Willems
- Millions of Cats - Wanda Gag
- Duck on a Bike - David Shannon
- Mud Puddle - Robert Munsch
- Martha Speaks - Susan Meddaugh
- One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish - Dr. Seuss

Summertime Recipes



Wacky Waffle Stacks

Source: National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics

- 3 round frozen toaster waffles
- 1/4 cup plain or strawberry-flavored cream cheese
- 1 1/2 tablespoons strawberry preserves or fruit spread
- 1 medium banana, sliced, or 6 strawberries, sliced
- 4 whole strawberries, if desired, for garnish

Toast waffles according to package directions. Place one waffle on a plate. Spread with 2 tablespoons cream cheese and half the preserves. Arrange half the sliced fruit on top. Top with another waffle. Repeat layers with remaining ingredients. Top with remaining waffle.

Bayview Avenue News

Congratulations to: Taina Bost, Keila Colon, Damien Dunne, Angel Guridis, Jamar and Jamaya Mathieu, Svetlana Melendez, Angelique Reynoso, Sarah St. Martin, Anahi Noyola & Sameerah Johnson, They are on their way to kindergarten!

This year, the children loved working at "Bayview Styles Beauty and Barber Shop". They put on their smocks and got to work- making appointments, shampooing hair, trying on new wigs, lathering up for a clean shave or getting a soothing manicure!

What better place to go for a quick check-up or an emergency? The students at Bayview Hospital took temperatures, gave shots and wrote plenty of prescriptions to keep their patients healthy.

Our year cannot be successful without the input and involvement of our parents – you are the most important people to your child...Thank you for making time throughout the year – whether you came in for our holiday box craft, took a trip around the world and experienced holidays traditions from other countries, put your feet up and relaxed at our Mother's day spa and luncheon or joined us on a field trip, your participation is appreciated by everyone!

Atlantic Human Resource

We at Atlantic Human Resource have had such a great year. We would like to thank all the parents for your participation and sharing your wonderful children with us.

We believe that the children truly enjoyed their time in the classroom. Within our "Tools of 'the Mind'" curriculum, they were given the opportunity to experience several different centers full of materials with which they explore - daily. We believe that the top two centers for your children were the Block Center and Dramatic Play. The children truly enjoyed the props and costumes available to act out the different roles. The blocks, cars, and toys used in the Block Center enabled their gross motor play.

During the school year we have experienced several different themes within the classroom all of which were quite memorable. Our classrooms have been transformed into a home, restaurant, grocery store, and a beauty /barber shop. However we feel that two of the most popular themes that our children enjoyed were Hospital and Home Depot. They enjoyed immensely learning and acting out the roles of doctors and nurses and they also enjoyed learning about the different ways the body function. During our Home Depot theme the children really liked learning about and acting out the roles of carpenter, builder, painter, and plumber.

We have had a plethora of activities this year all of which were a great success due to our excellent parent involvement. To name a few we have had the Spanish Heritage Program, Harvest Festival, Winter Festival, and the Black History Program. We also had parent involvement during our annual Spring Party, Friendship Party and Pajama Day (in celebration of Dr. Seuss birthday). Our parents also volunteered on our class trips to The Pumpkin Farm, Children's Museum, Shoprite, Cape May Zoo and Storybook Land.

During the summer months it is important that you continue to enlighten your children's mind by reading to them and ask comprehension questions about the stories. Two books that we recommend are "Corduroy" by Don Freeman and "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss. We also recommend counting with your child as you are going about your daily activities i. e ... number of houses that you walk pass, or number of place settings at the table. For children going to kindergarten next year we recommend that you work with them on writing their first and last name, as well as going over with them the Tools of the Mind Consonant Alphabet Chart.

Again we at Atlantic Human Resources would like to thank you for such a successful year and wish you a wonderful and safe summer.

Leeds Avenue School

Once upon a time there was Pre-K at Leeds Avenue School and they lived happily ever after...!

Ms. Sue Anand returned to work April 25th after the birth of her baby boy- Fahill!

Mrs. Brown's class grew flowers and grass in their GARDEN Center.

Mrs. Custodio's class grew lima beans and kept a journal; they also did daily estimation of various items and placed the results in their Estimation Box.

Mrs. Gist-Ragland's class included a student actress that recently performed in a local production of the *Wiz* at Atlantic Cape Community College.

Students enjoyed listening to Mr. Hicks talk about his experiences as a professional painter and business owner!!

Ms. Garcia read two familiar books in Spanish to Mrs. Jackson's class – *Oso pardo, oso pardo, que ves ahí?* (Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?) and *La Oruga Muy Hambrienta* (The Very Hungry Caterpillar)!!

We enjoyed hunting for eggs at our Spring Egg Hunt & Lunch in April!!

We traveled to the Noyes Museum of Art & Wildlife Refuge, the Atlantic City Aquarium and the Cape May ZOO!!!

We explored the themes of HOME IMPROVEMENT and the MALL; Mrs. Morris and her students also studied the ZOO!

Our End-of-the-Year Pre-K Celebration was held on Thursday, June 7, 2012. We sang "Five Green and Speckled Frogs" and "vamos a Cantar". Mrs. Jackson spoke briefly about the Early Childhood team – teachers, instructional aides, and parents! After our program, the students participated in a Carnival Festival with activities galore; balance beam, bean bag toss, egg on a spoon race, face painting, feely boxes, parachute, sack race and tricycles!! Lunch was served in the classrooms...

We had a fantastic time here in Pre-K at Leeds Avenue School!!!

North Main Street School

We are ending this year with a bang and have been busier than ever. We recently visited the Cape May Zoo and the Atlantic City Aquarium and learned so much about the animals and marine life from all around our world. We also recently got to observe the life cycle of the butterfly which we saw the wonderful process from just hatched caterpillars to full grown flying butterflies. This culminated with their release back into the wild. This time of the year also brings about a transition for many of our students who are getting ready to move on to kindergarten. We would like to wish all of them good luck and can't wait to see our returning students in the fall.

2012 Summer Programs for Children!!!!!!

<u>Summer Programs</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Atlantic County Women's Center *Child Care Network*	Please call for your approval	<u>Call for FREE and HELP</u> paying for your childcare cost Ms. Kathy Milner 601-9925 X 324 or 322
Mt. Zion Community Life Summer Camp 353 S New Rd, Pleasantville, NJ 08232	\$230 for the ENTIRE Summer	Child <u>must</u> be 5 years of age 5 – 12 Years (609) 641-4337
AtlantiCare 810 South Main Street Registration Pleasantville, NJ 08232	\$25 daily \$100 weekly Summer Special rates *See Below	Mrs. Stephanie Harrell (609) 677-6975 3 – 4 Years 5 years of age accepted with a registered sibling
Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City 317 Penn. Avenue Atlantic City, NJ 08401	\$350 summer Transportation included.	Mr. Hudson Lee 5 yrs. Up (609) 347-2697

Pleasantville Public Schools Registration for Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 Now Accepting 2012-2013 Applications

June 25 - June 28 from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM, Monday thru Thursday

Registration will take place at Pleasantville's Central Registration Office located at **701 Mill Road**.

Please enter through central registration doors behind the high school

Children who live within the Pleasantville city limits, must be ages 3 or 4 by October 1st to be eligible for the Pre-K Program.

YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO REGISTER:

- Original Birth Certificate
- Parent/Guardian's Proof of Identification and Address
- Immunization Record (Child's medical record must be updated prior to registration)
- Completed Physical Examination Form
- Two Acceptable Proof of Residency Items: Current Lease, Deed, Mortgage Statement, Rental Agreement, Tax Bill and Utility Bill

If you are a parent or guardian temporarily residing with a resident of Pleasantville, you MUST complete an affidavit. * Must have evidence of personal attachment to a particular location.

Child Find: Developmental Concerns

Parents concerned about their child's development are encouraged to contact the District's Child Study Team at (609) 383-6800 ext. 2241
For more information contact central registration at (609) 383-6800 ext. 2523