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Unity School

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Unity Parent,

Welcome to the beginning of summer! June is full of events, swim lessons, Field trips, and summer routine changes here at Unity!

We have a few events happening this month in our classrooms we would like to share with you. First, the Otter Pups class will be holding their Graduation Party on Thursday, June 4th 6-7pm. Congrats to all graduates! On Friday June 5th the Butterfly class will be holding their annual "Parent Play Night" this event is for our Butterfly families only. We also have our end of the school year picnic on Friday June 12th from 11:45-1pm. Join your child and teachers for activities and lunch in the yard.

June 15th will be the start to our Summer Program, meaning we spend a ton of time outside! Please be sure to have sunscreen (no aerosol) and extra clothes for your child at Unity! The staff will have some new and exciting activities planned for a fun filled summer.

1st Swim lessons start on June 22nd If your child is enrolled in the first session. Please :

- ✓ Have your child at Unity by 9:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- ✓ Bring your child to school with their swimming suit
- ✓ Send your child with slip-on shoes
- ✓ Send your child with a sturdy bag large enough to hold all items
- ✓ Send a towel
- ✓ Send a plastic bag to put wet suit in

Thank you!!!

We still have spots open in all sessions so come to the office and we will help get your child signed up. Spaces are filling up quickly, so don't delay!

What a great turn out we had from mothers and grandmothers for lunch to celebrate Mother's day. This month we will be celebrating our fathers on Friday June 19th for a special p.m. snack. We would love to have dads and grandfathers enjoy a snack with their child (grandchild) for this special occasion. On Thursday June 25th at 5:30 we will have a meeting about our

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upcoming camp-out for the Otter class. Please stop in with your questions and grab some information about this 2-night adventure. If you register for camp by July 10th, you get a discounted rate, so hurry in and get your child signed up for this exciting opportunity!

Just a reminder Unity will be closed Friday July 4th for the holiday and September 3rd & 4th for staff training and clean up before the new school year. September 7th for Labor Day. Please get your schedule changes turned into the office for any vacations during the summer so we can staff accordingly.

Have a safe and fun filled summer,
Chris & Susanne

PANDA CLASS

Hi Panda families!

May was such a fun month for us. As we know, April showers bring May flowers, so we took the opportunity to explore nature and the outdoors.



The children enjoyed playing with sand, shells and ocean animals inside the classroom. We enriched the indoor environment with a variety of natural materials, including tree blocks (pieces of small logs), stones, and seashells. The children enjoyed inside water play, pretend play in our "flower shop", and painting activities using items from nature.

We went on a bug hunt and found worms, ants, spiders, snails and slugs. We also got to help in the garden by filling our garden bed with fresh, composted soil. We worked on strengthening fine motor skills by cutting grass with scissors and we got to feed the grass to our pet rabbits.

Discussing nature sparked the children's interest in animals, so we finished the month playing with a variety of toy animals, pretending to be our favorite animals, discussing habitats and even making art with animal toys.

Now that sunny weather is more likely, please check your child's cubby to ensure that extra clothes are weather appropriate. Please remember that we encourage you to leave open, toed sandals at home, especially flip-flops, as these shoes limit children's mobility and safety. If you haven't already done so please bring a bottle of sunscreen for you child, labeled with his/her name. Unity does not allow aerosol spray bottles of sunscreen.

Thanks and have a great summer,
Cherri & Celia



CATERPILLAR CLASS

May was full of exploring families, cultures, and diversity. We made people out of skin colored play dough, drew our families, played house, made pizza, and even learned a little about Japanese culture thanks to the Koyano Family. We read so many wonderful books throughout the month on family, culture, and diversity as well. A few of our favorites books were about different types of houses, animal families, and stories about how we are the same and different.

We had a wonderful turnout for the mother's day lunch this year, and the kids loved having their parents and loved ones here! Thank you for all who participated!

This month we will be transitioning into our summer program in the middle of the month. We are celebrating the end of the school year with a field trip to Washington Parks spray and play area on Friday, June 19th. Your child must be at school no later than 9 am because that is what time the bus is leaving, and we will return by 12 pm. Please have your child wear their swim suit to school and bring a towel, a change of cloth, a pair of easy on/off shoes, and a bag to put their wet suit and towels into.

Things to Remember:

- ✓ Field trip to Spray & Play Friday, June 19th
- ✓ Please bring sunscreen that can stay at school all summer
- ✓ A jacket for those chilly mornings
- ✓ If your child is participating in swim lessons please send your child in swim suit with their cloths over the top of it and easy on/off shoes



Thanks the Caterpillar Teachers,

LADYBUG CLASS

Hello! Ladybug Families,

Summer is right around the corner, so exciting and so sad at the same time. We will be saying goodbye to some kids and hello to swim lessons, sunshine and outdoor activities.

Remember to bring in your child's sun block (non-aerosol) and warm weather clothes.

Reminder, we are going to McKenzie Animal Hospital on June 5th and having an "End of the Year Picnic" on June 12th, 12-1 pm.

Here's to a great, safe and fun summer!!!

Love Ladybugs



BUTTERFLY CLASS

Dear Butterfly Families,

It's that time of the year again! Time for our little Butterflies to spread their wings and fly off to Kindergarten!!! It's such a happy and sad time for us teachers. We are so sad to see them grow up and leave us, but at the same time, so happy to have witnessed all that growing up, learning and friendships being built throughout our year together. We are both so very proud of each and every one of our Butterflies and know that they will all do great in Kindergarten!!!!

We would like to thank each of our Families, for sharing your littles with us this year. It has been such a blessing to have them in our care each day, watching them create such a beautiful community within the walls of Unity, making some lifelong friendships, becoming completely obsessed with the Magic Tree House book series (and learning a lot from them too!), and burrowing themselves in our hearts so deep, that we will never forget them! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!!

Just a few reminders:

- ✓ For those of you who will be leaving us in June, please remember to clean out your child's cubby (yes, they can have their name plate), take home any coats, shoes, boots and nap items, and feel free to take home any art that may be hanging on the walls that is theirs! If things are left here, there is a strong possibility that they will be donated. Thank you!
- ✓ If your child is staying with us through the summer, please remember to bring in a bottle of sunscreen (we cannot use aerosol sprays), AND a new, weather appropriate change of clothes, "WITH THEIR NAMES MARKED ON EVERYTHING PLEASE"!!!
- ✓ For safety reasons, we ask that "if" your child wears "flip flops" to school, they be the ones with backs on them, as these are the safest type. Our playground is really not flip flop friendly, and we want everyone to have safe toes and feet! Thank you!



Well, I guess that's it! Please have a wonderful and safe summer, and please remember to come visit us!!!! Be sure to check out the Unity Website to see when our school events are happening and come join the fun!

Teachers,
Pammie & Cassie

OTTER & OTTER PUP CLASS

Dear Otter and Otter-pup families,

Wow! We cannot believe that the school year is at its end. This school year went by faster than any other year! What a great group of kiddos we had. All of your children are so responsible and so eager to help one another and make up a very strong community. Each of them have their moments of imperfection but that is part of being a unique human being.

We will be saying the inevitable good bye to a few of our friends in June. What a hard part of having friends! Jack Sayre will be moving on and going to a new school in the fall so we will say good-bye to him on June 11th. Nadia and Violet Worth will be moving away from the neighborhood and saying goodbye to us as well. We will miss you all so very much! Please keep in touch!!

Please be sure to come to our kindergarten graduation and Otter commencement on Thursday, June 4th from 6-7 pm. It's a great time for us to recognize each student for their participation. They have been working on creating performances that they are really excited to show you!

May was a fun month for the Otter-pups with learning focused around: mothers and grandmothers, houses, and learning what the world is made of. There was a field trip to Public Works day that some of them got to attend. Super fun! They learned about the letters J, V, K, and word families -ut and -ub. They have learned so many 'high-frequency' words over the year! Each Otter-pup will get a set of high-frequency word flash cards to practice with over the summer. In May, the Otter and Otter-pups had also earned a movie party for all of their community support in keeping the classroom clean and being kind to each other.

If you are staying through the summer, you should have received a copy of the June calendar of field trips. If you did not get that, please let Jessica or someone in the office know and we will make a copy for you. You can also find out what we are doing by checking out the Unity School website.

Thank you to all of the families for your support of our mission in building peace in our community through your children! We couldn't do it without you. Have a wonderful and safe summer and we will see you soon.

Sincerely, Teachers Jessica and Sarah



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4 Otter Pup Graduation 6pm-7pm	5
8	9	10	11	12 End Of The Year picnic
15 Unity's Summer program Starts	16	17	18	19 "Father Day" PM Snack
22 1 st Swimming Lessons Start	23	24	25 Otter's Camp out Meeting 5:30 pm	26
29	30			

Have A Wonderful Safe Summer