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FAMILY POST

September 2020



Above, our toddler classroom theme was All About Me. They asked the toddlers what some of their favorites things are and created a collage with their favorite color.

Below, our preschoolers noticed how the acorns have been dropping off the Oak Trees. So they decided to have an Acorn hunt. Then read the story, "The Tree" and added all the acorns to the science area to use the magnifying glasses with them.

Program Updates

Dear DCDC Families,

We want to say thank you again to all our families and staff for continuing to make DCDC a safe and healthy place for us all. Please continue to stay up to date to by checking your messages in the Brightwheel app and if you ever have any questions or would like to review our Pandemic Policy Handbook please don't hesitate to ask.

Unfortunately, we will be canceling Fall Pictures, Family Fun Night, Trunk or Treat and the Halloween Parade to continue to keep the mixing of students to a minimum and group sizes smaller.

QUALITY SPOTLIGHT

The curriculum DCDC use in all our classrooms is Kaplan-Learn Everyday. This curriculum focuses on skills learned through play. Our infant/toddler curriculum utilizes activities that explore skills in early literacy, fine and gross motor, social, nature, and more. The preschool curriculum is based on skill not specifically age. All our materials are appropriate for the preschool child whether they are 3, 4, or 5. As they play with the materials it's a natural progression into using them because as their skills progress the child is able to do more with the materials. For example, when a preschooler first begins using legos they start out snapping them together making towers,



as they progress they spend more time building, naming what they built, and building more detailed structures. Same is true with blocks, start with towers, then will build zoos, houses, garages, and add props to create those structures. As the teachers are working with the children their questions are based on the child's skill. At first they may ask them the names of the animals, then where they live, what they eat, etc. Play, along with child-teacher interactions build on one another. For a more detailed look at the [Preschool Curriculum click here](#) .

HAPPENINGS

- **September 28th-** Bloom Rd Preschool Closed- All Day SACK
- **Canceled-**Fall Pictures, Family Fun Night and Trunk or Treat (Halloween Parade)
- **November 25th & 30th-** Bloom Rd Preschool Closed- All Day SACK
- **November 26th & 27th-**All DCDC Program will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Want to know what else is going on around the region? [Check out the Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau's calendar!](#)

STAFFING UPDATES



Please welcome Nicole Savani, our new 1 year old teacher, she I recently moved back to PA from Wilmington, North Carolina. She has two children, a son who is 13 and a daughter who is 9. She

spent the last two years working with toddlers in a facility in North Carolina. She used to live at the beach, but now finds herself in the mountains. When she is not busy working on her PHD, she is spending time with her kids, hiking, driving in the country and listening to music.



Please also welcome Kearstin Calhoun, our new infant teacher. She just graduated Bloom U this summer with a

degree in ESL (English as a Second Language) and a certificate to teach ESL. She served on Bloomsburg's Racial and Social Outreach and

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Youth and Family Outreach Coalition. In her free time she loves to volunteer at local libraries reading to the youth and she is in the beginning stages of writing her first book

DCDC Teacher Corner



Name:
Karla Smallwood
Start Date:
September 2019
Position:
Koala Teacher

What is something you tried in your classroom this year for the first time?

Cooking activities with 2 yr. olds.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Working with this age group of children.

What are the 3 most important things you learned this year?

The kids want love; communicating with parents; & not to turn my back on them (the kids).

What is your dream vacation?

Ireland

What part of the school day is your favorite?

Circle Time

REMINDERS

If you haven't already please return your child's Emergency Contact, Hours of Care, if needed Health Assessment and CACFP Meal Benefit Forms at pick up or drop off ASAP.

Brightwheel App

Brightwheel is the best way to keep your child's teacher update about them. Please message to let us know of any changes and if your child will not be in and why.

Parking Lot

The weather will soon be changing, but please remember not leave your car running in the parking lot. We have lots of little ones walking around at the right height of the cars exhaust pipes.

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