

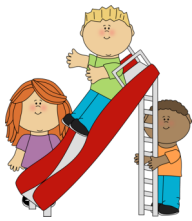
# Stepping Stone School News



## From the Director...

We sure are glad to see summer!!! Our kiddos are always excited to go outside and enjoy the great outdoors! Many people forget that the outdoors is the very best place for preschoolers to practice and master emerging physical skills. It is in the outdoors that children can fully and freely experience motor skills like running, leaping and jumping. It is also the most appropriate area for the practice of ball handling skills like throwing, catching and striking. Children can perform other such manipulative skills as pushing a swing, pulling a wagon and lifting and carrying movable objects. Additionally it is in the outdoors that children are likely to burn the most calories.

The outside is also important because the outdoor light stimulates the pineal gland, the part of the brain that regulates the "biological clock," is vital to the immune system, and makes us feel happier.



The outdoors has something more to offer than just physical benefits. Cognitive & social/emotional development are impacted, too. Outside, children are more likely to invent games, as they do, they're able to express themselves and learn about the world in their own way. They feel safe and in control, which promotes autonomy, decision-making and organizational skills. Inventing rules for games promotes an understanding of why rules are necessary. Although the children are only playing to have fun they're learning

\*communication skills and vocabulary as they invent, modify and enforce rules.

\*number relationships as they keep count and score.

\*social customs as they learn to play together and cooperate.

We understand the value of the aesthetic development promoted by being outside. Aesthetic awareness refers to a heightened sensitivity to the beauty around us.

The natural world is filled with beautiful sights, sounds and textures, it's the perfect resource for the development of aesthetics in young



children. Preschoolers learn much through their senses. Outside there are many different and wonderful things for them to see, hear, smell, touch and even taste. Children who spend a lot of time acquiring their experience through tv and computers are using only two senses, hearing and sight, which can seriously affect their perceptual abilities. Finally what better place than the outdoors for children to be loud, messy and boisterous? Outside they can run, jump, yell and expend some of the energy that is usually inappropriate indoors. When parents think back to their own childhoods, chances are some of their best memories are of outdoor places and activities!

Keeping summers safe!!!  
Ms. Monica

Fun in the sun



## Swimming Pool Opening

Everyone loves the rain, but unfortunately the latest shower has caused a delay in the pool. Swimming and Swimming lessons will now begin on Monday, June 18th. We are sorry for any inconveniences that this may have caused. Due to the delayed start, Session 1 swim lessons will be everyday starting on Monday, June 18th. Our SAC program will go to the Villages Waterpark on Monday, June 11th. All children need to come dressed in their swim clothes and bring a ziplocked sack lunch and 2 drinks. We will leave at 9:15 am and arrive back at 5:00 pm. Our PEC program will go to the Villages Waterpark on Friday, June 15th. All children will need to come dressed in their swim clothes and bring a change of clothes. They will also need to bring a ziplocked sack lunch and a drink. We will leave at 9:15 am and arrive back at 3:00 pm.



## Summer Happenings...

### SAC

6/11: Villages Waterpark  
6/14: Gator Farm  
6/21: Planetarium & CiCi's  
6/28: Camp Tyler

### PEC

6/12: Discovery Science  
6/15: Villages Waterpark  
6/19: Movies & CiCi's  
6/26: Camp Tyler



Anderson B., Benjamin A., Caleb G., Jake Sunda., Isabel M., Dallas H., Rayann H., Shiloh M., Elyse R., Isaac B., Audrey G., Stella P., Beckett F., Mallori S., Racelen V., Luke H., Koen M., Amariah A., Kenley C., Patrick C., Jade G., Shelby L., & Ms. Rachael

### \*\*Need to know\*\*

Summer is here and has brought out the mosquitos with a vengeance!

We recently had our playground sprayed by The Mosquito Authority.



Stepping Stone is allowed to administer bug spray **ONLY** if the parent provides & labels bug spray & provides a note stating that you want Stepping Stone employees to administer this to your child.

**\*\*This is true for sunscreen as well\*\***

## Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons begin soon! Spots are filling up fast, so make sure to sign up today! Fliers are located on the front desk counter. Cost is \$50/per session.



## Donations Needed

We need your help! We are currently asking for donations for tennis rackets and tennis balls. If you have any that you are willing to part with, please bring them by the front office. Thank you in advance!

## Before and Afterschool Care

It is never too early to start making plans for the new school year. Stepping Stone offers before school care for TCA and Cumberland Academy. We also offer afterschool pickup from TCA, Jack Elementary, Owen's Elementary, Rice Elementary, Andy Woods, and WISD. Stop by to and sign up today! Spots are limited!



## Swimming Lessons

We still have a few spots open in our 3rd and 4th swim sessions. Sign up in the office.






## Fall Registration

Fall will be here before you know it. Each year on August 1st, our yearly registration is due. The registration fees are \$50 per child. Enrichment fees will also be due at this time. Below you will find the fees that coordinate with your child's classroom:

6 weeks—17 months: \$40  
 18 months—2 years: \$60  
 3 & 4's: \$85  
 Pre-K: \$225  
 SAC: \$30



# June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Baked Chicken w/ BBQ sauce Mac & Cheese Carrots	5 Turkey Sloppy Joes Baked Beans Broccoli	6 Chicken & Broccoli Casserole Roll	7 Cheeseburger Mac Steamed Veggies Fruit	8 Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad Fruit	9
10	11 Chicken Pot Pie Peas Carrots Dinner Roll	12 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli	13 Country Fried Steak Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans	14 Mini Corn Dogs Potato Wedges Corn	15 Alfredo Pasta Peas Garlic Bread	16
17	18 Grilled Cheese Tator Tots Zucchini	19 Baked Fish Brown Rice Carrots	20 Parmesan Chicken Buttered Pasta Green Beans	21 Chicken Quesadilla Black Beans Fresh Fruit	22 Baked Ziti Salad Dinner Rolls	23
24 	25 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	26 King Ranch Casserole Spanish Rice Fruit	27 Baked Fish Sticks Potato Wedges Spinach	28 Chicken and Rice Burritos Charro Beans Diced Peaches	29 Roasted Turkey Sweet Potatoes Corn	30 

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