

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD
EARLY LEARNING CENTER
2011 SUMMER CAMP NEWS

Summertime is soon to be upon us so here is the **only** informational Early Learning Center Newsletter you will receive during our Summer Camp Program. Please read over the newsletter and the 3-Month Calendar carefully. Keep them handy for easy reference or call the Early Learning Center Office at (303) 756-4252 if you have any questions or concerns. **Summer Camp begins on Monday, June 6th and ends Friday, August 12th. We will be closed Monday, July 4th, and the week of August 15th – 19th to get ready for the fall session.**

PAPER WORK

Included in this packet you will find an ELC Tuition Contract and all other necessary paperwork for our Summer Camp Program. The Permission Slip Form is for ALL field trips and walks to be taken during our Summer Camp. A 3-Month Summer Calendar is included and is the only notice given of specific field trips and activities planned for each room. You will be notified as soon as possible if any schedule changes are made. The tuition schedule included in the packet is the current summer schedule. **All paperwork must be returned to the Early Learning Center Office no later than Friday, May 27th.** We are required by the state to have the health information (Child Intake, Medical History, and Immunization Card) at the time of admission. **The physical form must be returned within 30 days of your child's start date.** Children will not be able to attend our Summer Camp Program until ALL fees are paid and paperwork is completed and returned to the office. If you have registered for summer camp and are no longer in need of care this summer, please notify us immediately. We do have waiting lists for some of the classrooms this summer.

FIELD TRIP & PARK DAYS

On field trip and park days please send your child prepared to be out in the sun and walking. We encourage sending them to school with sunscreen already on, comfortable shoes, and a hat. MPBELC T-shirts will be available in the office for \$10.00. They are great to wear on field trip days! Please DO NOT send chocolate or anything else that might need to be refrigerated on field trip and park days. Please DO NOT send microwaveable food on field trip or park days. We will provide juice or water. We will also be sending the groups out with a cellular phone in case of an emergency. Remember not to pack nut/peanut butter products in lunches as we have children with life-threatening allergies.

LUNCHESES

We will continue to order pizza for lunch once a week throughout the summer. During the summer Pizza lunch will be on Wednesdays. For those of you new to the program, we order cheese or pepperoni pizza and have it delivered to the center. We can order 1-2 slices per child and will have a sign-up sheet available each week. Sign-ups and payment need to be received by Monday each week. The cost is \$1.00 per slice. Pizza cards are also available up to \$24. We will also provide fruit and drink. You will be responsible for providing your child with a cold lunch the remainder of the summer. There may be a few field trips planned that the lunch will be included. Please check your calendar. We will provide milk or water when the children are on campus for lunch and juice or water when the children are off campus. **Please send your child's lunch in a BROWN PAPER BAG on field trip and park days.** This helps lighten the load. Thank You!

SUPPLIES/SUNSCREEN/BUG REPELLENT/MEDICATION

MPBELC is asking families whose last name ends in A-L to donate one ream of copier paper and a box of facial tissues. If your family's last name ends in M-Z we ask that you donate 2 rolls of paper towels and a box of 5 oz. Cups. The supplies are due no later than the first day of Summer Camp. Please drop them off with the office so that we can record your supplies on our checklist.

Due to licensing regulations we must obtain a parent/guardian written authorization and instruction form for applying sunscreen or bug repellent to the children's exposed skin prior to outside play. The authorization form is included in your packet. We will be using "Banana Boat" Kids 50 SPF sunscreen, and "Cutter Advanced" (Deet free) bug repellent. The bug repellent will only be applied when necessary (at the park, or near a wooded area). The cost will be \$3.00 per child. Please complete the form, attach the \$3.00, and turn it into the office no later than May 27th. If your child is allergic to "Banana Boat", please send in **one large new bottle** of at least 30 SPF waterproof sunscreen. Please put your child's name on the bottle. We will notify you throughout the summer if another bottle is needed. We will still need the Sunscreen/Bug Repellent Authorization/Instruction Form to be returned to us.

A PERMISSION FOR MEDICATION form is included in the parent handbook. Your child's doctor must fill out this form before we can administer any type of medication (including Tylenol). Please keep the form handy at home in case you need to visit the doctor. All medication must be in the original container, which shows the child's name and directions for dosage. If you need an additional form they are available in the office.

WATER PLAY/SWIM DAYS

Please send your child to school **ALREADY DRESSED** in their swimsuit and wearing sunscreen. Send extra-labeled clothes so that they can change into them when they are done playing/swimming. Please send a labeled towel to be taken home in the evening and washed.

BIKE/ROLLERBLADE DAYS

Helmets must be worn while riding bikes, scooters, or rollerblading. For safety reasons your child will not be permitted to participate in these activities without a helmet.

SUMMER CURRICULUM

This summer the teachers are planning the curriculum for each room. The teachers will be focusing on different themes either weekly or monthly. Please check the lesson plans weekly to find out specific details. The teachers will also be doing a weekly Bible Lesson with the children. This year, we are doing lessons from a hands-on curriculum that teaches the children about sharing, being kind and other values. We think that the children will enjoy these activities very much.

GUEST SPEAKERS/MOVIE DAYS/CARNIVAL

We have scheduled special events/guest speakers for the following days this summer: June 8th (8:30-4:00), June 29th (10:00-10:30) and August 12th (12:00-12:45). Please check the weekly lesson plans for more details. Your child's classroom may also be scheduled to have a movie day. The movie the children will be watching will coincide with the weekly lesson plans.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

The last few months we have had very few children signed up for P.N.O. Because of the small number of children signing up we have decided to cancel Parent's Night Out for June through August. Hopefully we will be able to start back up again in the fall with the September P.N.O.

DAILY CLOSING/LATE PICK UP FEES/ETC.

MPBELC closes daily at 6:00 p.m. The late fee is \$1.00 per minute, per child payable immediately to the teachers on duty. Please be considerate of our teachers and pick your child up on time. We also ask that the half-day children are picked up no later than 1:00. Last but not least, if your child is ill or taking a vacation day please give us a call. If we haven't heard otherwise we assume that they will be attending that day.

We are looking forward to a wonderful summer with your children!
Please stop by the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Kellie Peterson
Director

