

KIDS FIRST POCAHONTAS

POCAHONTAS KIDS FIRST NEWSLETTER

JULY 2011

MRS. FRAN RETIRES

Mrs. Fran Herring, child care technician in the KIDS FIRST baby room, has announced her retirement. She has worked in the childcare setting for many years and began working with the KIDS FIRST program in September, 1997. She has worked with all ages but said her passion is working with the babies. She said, "The most rewarding moments come when a child accomplishes a task or goal". Recently she was thrilled to learn that, while working in the HEAD START program, she also cared for the mother of one of our babies.

Mrs. Fran won the most coveted Beverly Bursk award in 2006 for her devotion to the children and her dedication to her work with the KF program.

Mrs. Fran had a mixture of emotions when announcing her retirement. She plans to spend time with her spouse, Carl, her children and grandchildren and her many friends. Also she hopes to "catch up" on a lot of things that have fallen to the side during her working years.

A reception to honor Mrs. Fran and her retirement will be announced at a later date. All the staff at KIDS FIRST would like to wish Mrs. Fran many happy years to come and want her to know how envious we are!!

We will miss you!!



Effective July 27, an amended Arkansas law will protect 78 percent of Arkansas children from secondhand smoke in vehicles. Act 811 of 2011 makes it a primary offense to smoke in a vehicle with children under 14, and violators can be pulled over and ticketed.

UAMS is a smoke free campus and smoking is prohibited everywhere on UAMS property. We ask that all visitors to the KIDS FIRST facilities abide by this policy.

Fireworks Safety Tips

Obey all laws: *Consult local and state laws about fireworks and follow them.*

Store properly: *Transport and keep fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children.*

Keep kids away: *Don't let kids play with or get near fireworks, including sparklers.*

Have water on hand: *Always have a bucket of water or water hose nearby.*

Use outdoors only: *Launch fire works on a hard, flat surface away from homes and flammable materials.*

Designate a shooter: *The person in charge should not drink alcohol before or during setting off fireworks.*

Dispose properly: *Let fireworks cool and soak in water before throwing in trash cans.*

July Birthdays

Brayden B

Brayden C

Sharon

Jaxon

Garette

Aurora

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NEWS FROM THE TREATMENT ROOMS.....

JULY IS A TIME WHEN OUR TREATMENT ROOMS ARE LEARNING ALL ABOUT THE OCEANS AND THE CREATURES LIVING THERE. THE CHILDREN HAVE ENJOYED THE SHOW AND TELL PORTION OF LEARNING BY BRINGING ITEMS FROM THE OCEAN AND SHARING WITH THEIR CLASSMATES.

WATER SAFETY IS ALSO BEING DISCUSSED IN THE TREATMENT ROOMS. THIS IS HELPING OUR CHILDREN REALIZE JUST HOW DANGEROUS SOME WATERS MAY BE . YOUNG CHILDREN SHOULD ALWAYS WEAR LIFE JACKETS WHILE IN OR NEAR THE WATER. DON'T LET TRAGEDY RUIN YOUR SUMMER TIME FUN.

ALSO, ALTHOUGH THE WATER IN CREEKS AND RIVERS MAY APPEAR CLEAR AND SAFE TO DRINK, MANY DANGEROUS ORGANISMS THAT CAN CAUSE ILLNESS MAY BE PRESENT. NEVER DRINK FROM THESE WATERS.

Thought for the Day



We do not quit playing because we grow old; we grow old because we quit playing.

Water Play Fun



With the temperatures soaring above the nineties for the last several weeks, KIDS FIRST kids have been staying cool and having lots of fun during water play this summer. Parents please be sure to send a change of clothing and a dry towel for your child on Fridays so they can join the fun!! Closed toed shoes such as tennis shoes or other water shoes should also be sent with your child. Young children should *never* wear flip flops or sandals during water play due to safety issues. Please help keep our children safe during summer time activities.

The Pre-K treatment rooms enjoy the water during the hot days of summer at KIDS FIRST!!

Hey, come on inthe water feels great!!!

KIDS FIRST tee shirts are due to arrive the week of July 18th. A sign will be posted on the front door when they arrive and are available for distribution. We hope to do other fundraiser activities in the near future. Thanks for your support!