

Lowell

KIDS FIRST News

June

2010

Dates to Remember

May 31– KF Closed

June 14– Flag Day

June 20–Father’s Day

June 17–CHAMPS visit

July 4– Fourth of July

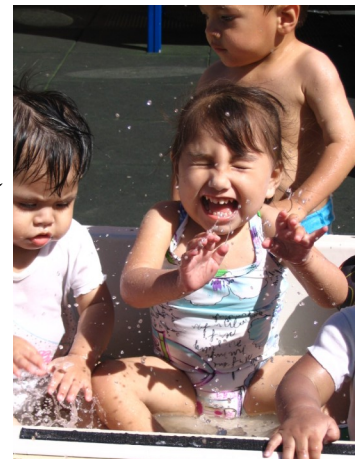
July 5–KF Closed

REMINDERS:

- Classroom & Therapy Services start at 8:00
- Breakfast is served at 8:30. For your child to receive breakfast they must be at the clinic no later than 8:45. We cannot hold breakfast after this time.
- Do you have a new phone number? If so, please let us know.

Introducing Water Play Fridays

It is starting to heat up outside. To celebrate summer we will be playing in sprinklers on Fridays in June and July, starting next Friday, June 11, 2010. Please send your child a swimsuit and towel marked with their name. Sunscreen will be provided. Also, if you haven’t already please remember to send a summer change of clothes for your child’s cubby.



2010 KIDS FIRST Graduates Honored

On Thursday, May 27 twenty-one of our children were recognized at our annual graduation ceremony. Held at the Jones Center



for Families, this event drew more than 60 guests. Children wore caps and gowns and got to take home special diplomas honoring their achieve-

ments. We wish all of our graduates the very best in public school. Don’t forget to come back and visit us next year! We are so proud of you!

KIDS FIRST Lowell Staff Directory

Administrative Director– Erin Cole
Clinical Director–Rebecca Atwood
Social Worker–Tonya Dean
Nurse (115, 106, 105, 120)–Nerissa France
Nurse (107, 108, 122, 121)– Angie Taylor
Special Educator–Brenda Brown
Interpreter–Crystal Arredondo
Front Office–Todd Glass/Tamira Hillard
Food Service–Penny Lee

Occupational Therapy–Teresa Shelton, Mandy McClain, Traci Burlson, Bethany Johnson
Physical Therapy–Doris Clement, Sara Gates, Winnie DeWitt, Amanda Webb
Speech Therapy–Jamie Bettinardi, Darla Groe, Gail McConnell, Alix Parker
Nutrition–Mechelle Bailey

Treatment Room Staff

115–Kristin Ivey, Connie Watson, Kayla Kimball
107–Chad Ford, Lindsey Curry, Sondra Taylor
108–Courtney Coleman, Linda Spencer, Jennifer Glur
106–Brandi Roe, Candace Scott
105–Waylon Martin, Kathy Stroud
122–Kristin Ivey, Ashley Roberts
121–Shannon Daniel, Randall Lothes
120–Andrea “AJ” Baird, Maurice Gunn

News from the Treatment Rooms..

115 Nursery- We are all happy summer is finally here! We are welcoming some new friends to our room this summer.

107 Toddlers-Last month we welcomed Vanessa and said bye to Ms. Melissa. This month we are welcoming Lola. In circle time, we are working on new words and signs.

108 Twos-Welcome to our new playmate, Grady! We are happy to have you at KIDS FIRST. This month we're studying bugs that we might see outside.

106 Twos/Threes-Welcome Kalijah,

our newest classmate. We're busy learning all about summer. We love to play in the sand.

105 Preschool- We are working on developing good routines for transition times. Does your family have a routine for events (meal times, car rides, bed times)? If so, please feel free to share. Welcome Benji and Jorge!

122 Preschool- We just had a graduation party for our friends that will be going to kindergarten. Congratulations Alyssa, Noe, Ayden,

and Aidan!

121 Preschool-We are learning about the ocean and all of the creatures that live there. Please feel free to send any items from home that your child would like to share with the class during circle. We will be happy to return them.

120 Preschool-We are still working on our alphabet. This week we are learning about "L." We made lions during art time this week.



Make Summer fun...and safe too!

Here are some helpful tips for summer safety:

- Babies under 6 months of age should be kept out of the direct sunlight. Move infants to the shade or under a tree, umbrella or the stroller canopy.



- Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before going outside, and use sunscreen even on cloudy days.

The SPF (sun protection factor) should be at least 15.

- Offer water before going outside and frequently

during outdoor play, even if children do not appear thirsty. Schedule outside play for the coolest times of the day. Watch children carefully for signs of heat stress and react quickly if you have any concerns.

If you have any questions, please see your child's classroom Nurse.

Note from Speech Therapists

KIDS FIRST Speech Therapists recently attended a conference addressing the use of AAC with Autism Spectrum Disorder. AAC stand Augmented and Alternative Communication. It means any communication that is not spoken (sign language, picture communication, computerized devices). AAC is used in all children who are non-verbal, not just those on the autism spectrum. All Speech Therapists are educated in the use of AAC during their schooling. If this is an option you would like to explore, please contact your child's Speech Therapist to discuss the options available.

Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for June

Item needed: broom After dinner, give each family member a bristle from the broom. Ask each one to please sweep the floor, using their piece of straw. Then ask: Would it be easier to sweep the floor with this? (Of course!) When all the pieces of straw are joined together (when we work together), much more can be accomplished.



WHAT IS PROJECT NURTURE?

Project Nurture is KIDSFIRST's Infant Mental Health Program. Our goal is to promote the social and emotional well-being of KIDSFIRST infants, toddlers, and families through secure and nurturing relationships.