



JOHN KENNEY CHILD CARE CENTER at Heller Park July 2017

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Subsidized Quality Child Care for Heller Park Employees, Edison Residents,
and Edison Township Employees

Summer Reminders:

- * Waterplay starts Wednesday, July 5th! Please send your child to school dressed in their bathing suit every day.
- * Please send a change of clothes and a towel daily.
- * Make sure ALL bathing suits, clothes, towels, and hats are labeled with your child's name or initials.
- * Sunscreen should be applied each morning at home and will be reapplied each afternoon.
- * Hats with wide brims also provide protection from the sun.
- * Water shoes may be worn during waterplay but please bring sneakers or sandals (that are enclosed around the toe) for your child to change into after waterplay. **It's important that children wear steady footwear daily so they can climb, run, and jump during active play in the gym, on the porch, and on the play ground.**
- * We will not be using water bottles during waterplay this year. Instead, we will have a large watercooler set up outside that will be filled with water daily. Water will always be available and the children will be encouraged to drink water frequently.



Upcoming Events:

- 7/5— Waterplay begins! Don't forget to wear your bathing suit!
- 7/6—Bubble Day!
- 7/10—Teddy Bear picnic day—bring your teddy bear to school.
- 7/12—Car wash day!
- 7/14—Beach Party! - Wear your favorite tropical outfit to school today!
- 7/18—Safari scavenger hunt!
- 7/20—Storytime with Cheryl Scoles!
- 7/26—Sidewalk chalk day.

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Donuts with Dad

On Friday, June 16th, we had our Donuts with Dad, Father's Day breakfast to honor all of the Dads at John Kenney CCC. The Dads and children enjoyed a breakfast of donuts and fruit before starting their day.

Left—Madison and her Dad smiled for a picture together!



Above—Evan & Aiden ate breakfast with their dad before starting their day! Look at those smiles!

Below—Peyton was very excited to eat her donuts with her dad!



The Effects of Violent Video Games

According to an article written by Alice Park, titled "Little by Little, Violent Video Games Make Us More Aggressive", approximately 90% of children in the U.S. play video games, and more than 90% of those games involve mature content that often includes violence. It has been found that violent video games may set kids up to react in more hostile and violent ways. Brain imaging studies also hint that exposure to violent gaming may actually temporarily change the brain.

Games such as "Five Nights at Freddy's", promote violence and are meant for adults and teenagers over the age of 12. Children who play these types of video game in particular have been heard using phrases like "I'm going to kill you." or "I'm going to kill myself." Both inappropriate and disturbing phrases for children to be using.

It's important to monitor the games your children play to ensure the games are age appropriate and that these games don't have a negative affect on them. The following are age appropriate games that are both fun and educational.

-ABC Mouse

Designed to help children learn and practice important ideas and skills in reading, math, science, social studies, and the arts, ABCmouse.com Games curriculum offers more than 180 fun games. (ages 2-8, free 30 trial then \$7.95 per month)

-Fish School HD

Colorful fish teach your preschooler his letters, numbers, shapes, and colors in an under the sea world. (ages 2 to 5, \$1.99; Pad) -- Written by Christen Brandt

Going on Vacation?

Please let the Office know so that hot lunch can be cancelled and we can plan accordingly.

Lunch Credit will be given to children on the hot lunch program if a child is absent and has called out **before 10:00 A.M. on the day prior.**

Think of us when you're traveling, please bring back post-cards, brochures, maps, and pictures. The children can learn so much from all of these things.



Don't forget to collect and bring in BoxTops!

Our next Box Top submission date is October 31st

Each Box Top we collect is worth 10 cents!

Orange Room's Class Night

On Friday, June 23rd, Orange Room had their annual Class Night and Kindergarten Graduation. The children sang songs, danced, and had a great time performing for their parents and loved ones. Refreshments were enjoyed in the Orange Room as well as outside on the playground and everyone had a great time.

We are very proud of all of the children's accomplishments and wish them all the best in Kindergarten and First Grade. Below are a few pictures from that night.



Above—The Kindergarten children each wore an orange cap to represent the Orange Room. They also wore a "Sight Word black belt". Throughout the year the children received certificates after every 25 sight words that they learned. After learning 100 sight words they were awarded a "black belt" which they all wore very proudly!

Below—For their last song, the children wore sunglasses and really got into singing and dancing.



Below—The Fitzgerald family took a nice family picture on the playground.



Above—Eva took a break from enjoying her refreshments to take a picture with her parents.



Below—The Pre-K children wore ribbons that read "Kindergarten here we come!". Queenie took a nice picture with Ms. Melissa.



Above—Alexis and Deni played together on the playground, look at those smiles.

