



JOHN KENNEY CHILD CARE CENTER at Heller Park August 2017

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

Upcoming Events in August:

8/1—Sports Day: Wear your favorite sports shirt/jersey to school today.

8/3— Watermelon Day : Watermelon for snack today!

8/9—Pony Rides on the playground starting at 3 PM.

8/11—Chuck-E-Cheese Fundraiser!

8/16— Sunshine S'more Day: We'll make s'mores outside today using the sun!

8/23— Car Wash: We'll wash the center car during waterplay today!

8/24—Family Stay & Play Ice Cream Social on the Playground from 5:00-6:30 PM.

8/25—Last day of waterplay.

8/30— Sharing Day: Bring a picture or souvenir from a vacation that you took this summer!

8/31—Bike-a-thon on the playground!

Family Stay & Play Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 24th
5:00—6:30 PM

Come enjoy some quality time with your child while eating ice cream on our playground.



Water Play fun!

The children are really enjoying water play! They enjoy a variety of activities throughout the week. Some of the activities include bubbles, exploring with sponges, and one of their favorite activities is using the squirters to spray each other. Another favorite activity is playing in the sprinkler on Fridays!



Water Play: Wet and Wonderful

By Angie Dorrell, M.A.

(The full article can be found at http://www.earlychildhoodnews.com/earlychildhood/article_view.aspx?ArticleID=374)

Splish, splash, bubble, bubble, pop! Water play, both indoor and outdoor, is a unique activity for children because it's always available, open-ended, and provides opportunities for extended learning. The following ideas, written for preschoolers, will give you more detailed information about the creative learning that takes place during water play, hints for easy water play, and ideas for fun outdoor water activities, many of which can be adapted to indoor experiences.

All They're Doing Is Splashing, Right?

Wrong! Water play fosters learning in all developmental areas. It provides opportunities for children to experiment with math and science concepts, strengthen their physical skills, advance their social and emotional skills, and enhance language development (Crosser, 1994; Hendrick, 1996).

Problem-Solving Skills. As children manipulate water play materials, they begin to understand why and how things happen. For example, given sinking and floating objects, a child will soon discover that just because something is large in size does not mean it will sink.

Math. Children begin to understand and experiment with concepts such as more/less, same/different, many/few, empty/full, before/after, greater than/less than, and counting (Crosser, 1994). Science. Water gives children an avenue to contemplate issues such as: What makes rain? Where does water come from? What makes mud? (James & Granovetter, 1987). Children also learn physics principles such as the effects of force (increasing the water flow through increased force); effects of gravity (water runs downhill); and change in state (solid, liquid, gas).

Physical Development. Water play encourages the development of eye/hand coordination through pouring, squeezing, stirring, painting, scrubbing, and squirting. Children strengthen their gross motor skills by running, dodging water drops, and hopping through a sprinkler. They widen their sensory experiences as they put their hands in different textures (gritty, squishy, and slimy) and different temperatures (warm, cool, and cold) (Hendrick, 1998).

Social and Emotional Development. Water play is one of the most relaxing activities children can experience. After all, many adults relax in a warm bubble bath or hot shower! Water play relieves tension by encouraging children to release their emotions with pouring, pounding, and swooshing. In addition, social skills expand as children play cooperatively; negotiate; and share equipment, space, and materials.

Language Development. Children learn new vocabulary such as sieve, funnel, eggbeater, stream, bubbly, moisture, and evaporation. Water play is such a meaningful experience for young children that it can be extended to writing experiences as well. Children may draw pictures of sprinkler play, then dictate a description or story to the teacher. Another valuable writing experience involves the teacher writing down children's predictions, such as how long it will take ice cubes to melt in the sand box or how many babies one batch of soapy water will wash.

Creative Development. Water encourages children to use their imagination. As the children play, they may pretend that they work at a car wash or live in a castle. Water also encourages children to try out new ideas and solutions to problems in a safe environment.

Come join us at
Chuck-E-Cheese
for a fundraiser!

Friday, August 11th
3:00-9:00 PM



All proceeds will
benefit our Student
Activity Fund.

We hope to see you
there!

For more details
see attached flyer

Water Play Fun : Car Wash



On Wednesday, July 12th the children got to wash the Center car during waterplay. The children loved using the sponges to scrub the car clean. The car was squeaky clean when all 5 classrooms were done with it. They will have another chance to wash the car on Wednesday, August 23rd.