

ACCC Newsletter

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New Newsletter Hits Ames Child Care Center

Do you have the winning title?

Naming contest underway!

It is time to test your creative juices. There is a contest going on right now. Who can come up with a catchy title for our new Newsletter? The staff will vote on their three favorite and then there will be an all center vote from those three. The Grand Prize will be \$10 off a weeks tuition, the two runners up will get \$3 off. So turn on those thinking caps and see what you can come up with. What have you got to lose? All entries must be turned in by Tuesday June 15.

ACCC SOFTBALL TEAM STARTS IN MAY. SIGN UP TO JOIN THE FUN! ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME. GAMES ARE IN THE EVENINGS AT 6, ON BASE, SO BRING THE KIDS AND A GLOVE AND BE READY FOR LOTS OF FUN!

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Classroom Wish Lists

Earthling Room:

Dust Buster
Small Microwave
Children s Music CDs

Pioneer Room:

Gymboree Bubbles
Dry Erase Markers — in lots of different colors

Mercury Room:

Inside classroom balls — any size, texture

Viking Room:

Filing Cabinet or filing boxes

Gemini Room:

Story Tapes
Puzzles

Apollo Room:

Black microwave containers that come with a meal on it — we need the containers for art projects (not the food!)

Vanguard Room:

Vegetable/Flower seed packets for the science table
Scented water color markers

Office:

Recycled paper for inner office copying

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

EARTHLING ROOM:

Along with newcomers Harena and Mara, the Earthling Room welcomed Keely Corral as a permanent teacher in the room. Keely joins Lori and Ann who all stay busy creating an exciting environment for our youngest ACCC members.

PIONEER ROOM:

The Pioneer Room stayed busy as they welcomed recent Earthling graduates Zachary, Natasha, and Jared. Though they were sad to say some good-byes, new additions to the room were exciting. The Pioneer Room has done a lot of art and sensory activities this past month. Just look on the walls in the classroom you will find lots of evidence of the fun they have had fingerpainting, contact paper collages, stickers and much more.

MERCURY ROOM:

The Mercury Room happily greeted Alyssa, Timothy, Craig and their families as they made the big move into the Mercury Room. Their time has been spent exploring outside as we enjoy more and more sunshine. They have also been working on a few new self help skills such as clearing their lunch dishes and climbing up onto the changing table. All of the Mercuries are in for some new and exciting challenges!

VIKING ROOM:

The children in the Viking Room spent a lot of time in the past month learning some new skills and practicing some old ones! They had fun cracking peanuts. Their little fingers and teeth worked hard on the nuts and they enjoyed every bite. There was lots of singing and dancing going on. The exciting part was that they began dancing with a partner and learning to share space. They practiced problem solving and listening skills by working their way through an obstacle course.

The future holds a lot of new, exciting experiences for the older toddlers. They will make cards for Mother's Day by choosing pictures from a magazine that looks like mom. They will be practicing some sensory skills by smelling spices, making a fruit salad, and using visual memory in "what's missing?". Lots of growing going on in that room!

GEMINI ROOM:

The Geminis are having fun with learning new songs that their classmate Matthew Balboni is teaching them. For example a huge hit is I've been working on the railroad. They are also really enjoying time spent listening to story tapes and experimenting with their ABCs.

In the coming month the Geminis will say

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F O R W A T E R F U N , C O N S I D E R M I X I N G
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C H I L D R E N R O M P I N T H E S P R I N K L E R .

C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S F O R M A Y

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A C C C V A N G U A R D R O O M

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Please help out if you can and cover a classroom or pick
your child up early.

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Come discuss the new facility, BoD elections, and much
more.

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A C C C B i r t h d a y s f o r A p r i l

Clarence Lau	1 Year Old
Benjamin Walton	2 Years Old
Kyle Lawrence	2 Years Old
Tyler Shaw	3 Years Old
Matthew Balboni	3 Years Old
Alysia Korsmeyer	5 Years Old

Welcome to the World!

Paul Wesley Sandford

Born March 7, 1999 at 2:22 am

7lbs. 9oz. 21 1/2" long

Nathan Cole Machak

Born April 16, 1999 at 7:09pm

9lbs. 19 1/2" long

I T I S N T L I F E T H A T M A T T E R S ,

I T S T H E C O U R A G E Y O U B R I N G

T O I T H U G H W A L P O L E

Thank You To :

Earthlings:

The Hines for a new clock

The Palmers for donating toys

Laura for donating toys

Pioneers:

Tom Maier for making a new gate

Apollos:

To all of the parents who supported our child by helping with our pancake breakfast fundraiser, donating their time and resources. And a great big thank you to all who supported us by buying bread that morning!

Vikings:

Jenny Kahn for a variety of dress up costumes

Cory Finn for her time and talent singing the guitar with all the toddlers

Mary Olynick for a new filter and fish food tank in the room

Homa Tay for lots of new goldfish

Office:

Kevin Gregory for recycled paper for copying

Deb Wood for copy paper

Richard Asano for recycled paper

Tracy King for lots of Xerox boxes so that we can get organized!

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A very special thank you goes out to a

Thoughts To Ponder

Now, how would you like it if ?

Adults often ask children, Now, how would you like it if ? as in Now, how would you like it if someone interrupted you while you were talking to a friend? or, How would you like it if someone stood right in front of the TV when you were watching? We want them to see our viewpoint.

But what if kids were doing the asking instead? What, for example, would a two-year-old's questions be for the adults in his life? They might go something like this: How would you like it

if you had to eat a big plateful of food when you weren't hungry?

if everyone laughed when you said something serious?

if someone told you to hurry because it was time to go, and then stood there talking and talking to a friend?

if you had to go to bed when you weren't sleepy?

if people carried on as though the Atlantic Ocean was spilling across the table instead of a small glass of milk?

if you were told to stop all that crying even though you were really sad?

if what you were especially good at was running and jumping and climbing, but running and jumping and climbing wasn't allowed?

Every once in a while it helps to stop and speculate about what your child's Now, how would you like it if ? questions would be. Figuring out his or her viewpoint can ease tensions, especially if you're having a long or frustrating day with an active toddler.

some good-byes to old classmates and welcome new ones, all the while discovering what it is like growing up to be a preschooler!

APOLLO ROOM:

During April, we learned about many typical Spring happenings and are continuing this line of exploration into May. Some of the areas we covered are farm animals and baby animals, Spring weather, birds, and insects.

Soon we will be doing some planting activities in our classroom and a lot of creative play around the theme of camping!

VANGUARD ROOM:

During the month of April we've explored M, N, O, P, Q. We learned about their shape and sounds. Our activities helped us relate to each letter. We used marbles for sorting, painting, and classified different kinds of nuts, and acted out Nursery Rhymes. Our art table is very popular; there are always happy children using markers, scissors, and tape.

In the next few weeks, we will be making Mother's Day gifts, Parent's Day gifts, doing some planting, sprouting, and lots more fun, exciting activities.

parents who so generously sponsored staff members and their dates so we could attend the Swing The Stars recognition dinner. We had a wonderful time and your support was greatly appreciated! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

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Family Fun

Table Art:

A guaranteed way to enjoy other at mealtime! Purchase a plastic tablecloth on your next trip and place it on the table with crayons.

Gather the entire Family around the table before dinner or on any occasion and let them draw designs on the tablecloth for decoration. The tablecloth becomes a canvas and time spent together becomes a memory of family togetherness!

Flannel Board Fun:

What can you do with an old baby blanket? How about turning it into a large flannel board for telling adventures?

You can easily make the board by taping the edges to a large piece of sturdy cardboard. Older children can cut additional flannel or felt into story book characters. It will delight your children if you join in the fun with a story of your own!