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Infants

Hello, our dear Infant families and welcome back! June is upon us and we are thrilled to be coming back to work! We absolutely cannot wait to catch up with you, see your smiling faces, and get reacquainted with your sweet children. I know I speak for all the staff here at 5C's when I say *thank you* to every single one of our families for being so supportive during this unknown time. We are so grateful to be a part of the 5C's family and to be supported by such wonderful bosses and families.

I want to start off wishing our friend Max a very *Happy 1st Birthday* on June 10th! It is amazing to think you are turning 1-year old already!! We miss your social, happy, and easy-going personality and we can't wait to see what new skills you have learned now that you're turning *one*!

We have been working hard in our classroom for the past couple of weeks

preparing for our reopening. We are excited to kick off the summer months with a new theme for the classroom: "Summer in the Sea." We have added some very fun under the sea décor and we think the children will really enjoy looking at all the fishes swimming around the classroom, among other adorable sea life! We have fresh new songs to sing, books to read, toys to play with, and some cute art to create with the children. Our sign of the month is "ball," so there will also be some throwing, rolling, and bouncing fun going on in our room!

Not only as an extra precaution with COVID-19, but also because we expect to have some beautiful days in June, we plan to enjoy the fresh air as much as possible this month. **We have a new permission slip hanging on the classroom window for parents to sign to allow your child to go on stroller walks outside. Please take the time to sign it when you are dropping off or picking up your child.**

We also have set up our outdoor play space on our Infant Room patio and we look forward to bringing the children out there to play with toys and talk about the sounds we hear, sights we see, and the breeze on our cheeks. **All this being said, please**

send a sun hat and sweatshirt/jacket with your child so we can be sure they are comfortable while we are outside.

Just a friendly reminder to everyone that *all* of your child's things must be labeled. *It is especially important that ALL food/drink related items are labeled with their FIRST AND LAST NAME*, but it is also helpful to have their hat and sweatshirt/jacket labeled with their initials or name.

As you have been informed, there are many policy and procedure changes at 5C's due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is new for everyone, staff included, and we are all learning together. Please have patience with it all and feel free to ask any questions you may have. We want to thank you, in advance, for adjusting your routines and following our new guidelines as these policies and procedures have been put in place to help keep us all safe and healthy.

One of the changes that will feel the most different for our Infant families is the fact that parents are not allowed in the classrooms. To accommodate for this change, we have hung hooks in the hall where we will place your child's sanitized clipboard and

pen. **When you drop your child off in the morning, you will take your child's clipboard off the hallway wall, fill it out, and hand it through the door to an Infant Room teacher. You will also need to hand us your child's supplies for the day (bottles, pacifiers, diapers, etc.) and the Infant Room teachers will put it away in the classroom for you. Finally, you will say goodbye to your child in the hallway and hand us him/her at the doorway.** We understand that this routine will be new and likely challenging for many children and you (parents) at first. *We give you our promise that we will do everything in our power to make this as smooth and easy for your child and yourself as possible.*

Nursing mothers, if you would like to come during your lunch hour to nurse your child in our classroom, you may do so. You will be asked to remove your shoes or put on provided shoe covers, wear a mask, wash your hands upon entering the classroom, and then go to your child. We ask you do your best to social distance with other children and staff.

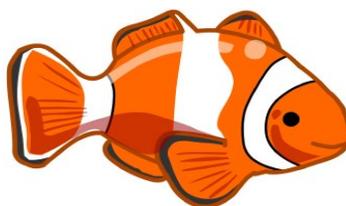
We wanted to let you know that for safety reasons, Ms. Carol will not be returning to the center in the month of June. She is looking forward to seeing you all when she returns, though! We are happy to

share that Ms. Bella will be joining Ms. Hoa and I in our classroom for the month of June. She does a great job with the children and is looking forward to getting to play with your wonderful babies on a daily basis!

Again, we are truly looking forward to seeing you all and getting to care for your wonderful children.

Wishing you a safe and joyful June!

Ms. Amy, Ms. Hoa, & Ms. Bella



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**Notes from
Tina and Nancy**

5C's Summer Fun Programs will begin in June. Teachers and

support staff are coming up with great ideas and activities for your children to enjoy. There are many changes with our new "normal" and for the month of June. If you are unclear about any of the information that has been sent to you please let us know, we are trying very hard to follow what our Governor and DOH are ordering and recommending for control over the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Staff: Carol Bolser and Millie Jaeger are not returning to the center for the month of June. Ms. Bella is being assigned to the Infant room and Ms. Charis to the preschool room in their places. We are assigning specific staff to each classroom to help maintain social distancing, washing hands and sanitizing. This idea reduces the possibility of cross contamination by eliminating people coming and going out of the classroom. Breaks and lunches will be handled using the extra staff. This improves consistency because they will know what the children have been doing in the classroom and can also better meet their needs for washing hands and cleaning and sanitizing what the children have touched and used in the room.

Pre-K Classroom: The classroom curriculum has had to change this year. We are having a group of school age children joining the classroom (license waiver received). Graduation from Pre-k is delayed until we can have all of the children in the class together safely for the ceremony. We are planning to have the celebration/ceremony later in the summer. The summer field trips are cancelled for the month of June and we will wait to see what we can do in July and August. We feel very fortunate that we have the big grassy areas across the street where the children can run and play. Be sure to sign a permission slip for your child to participate in walking adventures off the premises.

Center Changes: Our arrival and departure procedures are different. We hope that the video we sent helped you understand what we are trying to achieve and to see how we are following the recommendations of DOH and our local health department. Please remember: the center hours have changed to 7:30 am to 5:30 pm; taking turns coming into the building is necessary; and wearing a mask is a must.

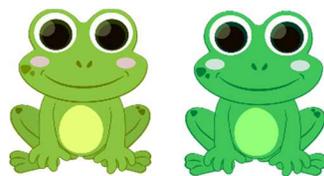
We feel like the teachers have communicated what is different in their

classroom procedures. Even though you (parents) are not going into the classroom, we hope that you will be able to see the new room arrangements made by the teachers to practice social distancing, handwashing and allowing the children to play in small groups. Please remember that your children will remove their shoes before coming into the room and that a second pair is needed to wear in the room. Good-byes are hard so be sure to prepare your child for the change in procedure. The teachers are ready to help if you need some assistance.

June 1, 2020 is going to be a big day for everyone. Please be assured that we are prepared for most every situation and that we are here to help you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Happy Father's Day to all of our terrific Fathers!

Ms. Tina and Ms. Nancy



Wobblers

Welcome June Friends

How exciting it is for our Wobblers to be back, we surely missed everyone. This June will be our new

normal but not anything less but exceptional. We will be reconnecting with the children. As the days go on, we will be creating powerful interactions, in order to connect with the children and extend their learning day after day by reviewing their old skills, teaching them new skills, and exploring their curiosity.

For our themes this month, they will consist of sunshine, beach, ocean, Father's Day, frogs and cars. Our first theme, the skill that we will be practicing is scooping through sensory, and meals. In a small group, the children will explore a variety of different stackers to work on eye coordination, counting, and shapes. Through block play, we will create our own vision of a sandcastle. Father's Day will be a fun week, which consists of different occupations, sports, and their own Father's Day gift. Then, for the next week we will be focusing on Frogs. Being patient like a frog, jumping, leaping and hopping are grow motor activities, using frog colors and counting are all skills we will be practicing during this theme week. To finish off June, the children will practice multiple strategies through the activities of Cars such as following directions, eye coordination, and

gross/fine motor skills. All these skills will play a role in extending your child's learning.

Now, what is it like in the wobbler room you may ask? New routine, but the same encouraging, playful care. As of June, our information will be placed on the wall outside of the room. For parents, to visually see our lunch menu, monthly lesson plan and newsletter of the month. During pick up time, a teacher will hand you a daily form that consists of information about your child's day.

Our sunscreen forms giving us permission to apply the lotion need to be completed. We will be handing out the form this first week of June, please fill out, and return it along with your child's lotion (labelled with first and last name on it).

On our front door, we will have a new form for the buggy ride. Please sign it giving us permission to take your child for a walk in our big buggy outside of the building, off the premises.

Thank you, we cannot wait for the month of June, and to see all your lovely faces. ☺

Stefany, Cassey, Dung

Staff Birthdays:



Susan	June 23
Jessica	June 25
Nancy	June 25
Dung	June 26
Kim	June 27

Todd I

Welcome to June!

We are so excited to have you back! What a weird time this has been. With new policies, new procedures, and new school shoes, coming back to 5Cs is going to be different, but as always, our priority is to love and care for your children and we will continue to do that to the best of our ability in these unusual times.

One of the ways in Todd I that we are hoping to do that is to jump right back into our normal school routine while recognizing that there will be bumps along the way. Our weekly themes for June are Space, Building, Dads, and Pond Life. Our shape this month is squares, and our colors are Black, Green, and Blue.

For our Space week, we will be talking about the Moon, the Sun, stars, rocket ships, and

astronauts. Plan to see part of Todd 1's solar system out in the hallway as you drop off and pick-up your child!

For Building week, we will be building with a lot of blocks and Legos. We will also talk about construction, construction workers, and construction vehicles. There is lots of construction going on around in Olympia. What kind of construction does your child see around town?

For Dad week, we will be talking about our dads, grandpas, and uncles. We will be talking about how much they love us, and how much we love them. We will be creating gifts for Father's Day. Dads, what kinds of activities do you love doing with your kids?

For our Pond Life week, we will be talking about frogs, and ducks, and dragonflies. We will be looking at where they live, how they move, and how they speak. Have you seen or heard any of these creatures around your home?

For number purposes, there's been some moving around for teachers. Ms. Thol, Ms. Kasondra, and Ms. Moriah are all still be in Todd 1, but we will also be gaining Ms. Anna on a more permanent basis. Ms. Cassey will be in Wobblers, so be sure to

wave through the window; she'd love to say "hi".

In the past, we've had a pocket in the hallway for your child's art that you could pick up at your leisure. In an effort to avoid the passing of germs, we've decided to send all art home on Fridays. If you could provide a bag for your child's nap blanket and shoes on Monday, we can store the bag at the center and have it packed with everything, including art, ready to go, Friday afternoon. This way we can help streamline the drop-off and pick-up process.

We are so excited to start school again and are really excited for the new learning opportunities that these circumstances will provide.

No birthdays this month.

Welcome back,

Todd 1 Teachers: Ms. Moriah, Ms. Kasondra, Ms. Thol, Ms. Anna



Todd II

Welcome to June in Todd II, we are so excited that summer is so close at hand. As the weather gets warmer, we will be spending more time outside, please check your child's extra clothes/shoes: make sure they are weather appropriate, and still fit (no sandals, please). Please bring in a sunhat to give added shade and comfort, so your child can stay cool as the weather warms up. Remember no water bottles at this COVID-19 time, we will provide many opportunities for your child to drink water during the day.

We have a lot of fun, colorful art activities planned, as well as some outside water activities to start our summer fun off with a splash - bubbles, sand play, and sidewalk chalk to round out the fun.

The week of June 1st is frog week; we will be learning about some fun and colorful amphibian friends through songs, books, and stories. We will be making lots of frogs; on a log, in a pond, and in the rainforest.

The week of June 8th is Fish week; we will be singing and signing a song about a slippery fish. We will also be doing some sticky, glittery, messy art to create a wonderful

aquarium of colorful fish to brighten up the room.

The week of June 15th is Father's Day; we will be busily working on a special project just for our Dads, as we get ready to head into a weekend to celebrate Dad. Creativity abound, as children decide the best recipe for fun, for Dad's special day.

The week of June 22 is the first week of summer; we have some awesome summer art planned, as well as some water play on the playground (a bike wash is always a fun way to jump into summer).

The week of June 29th is all about the glitter and fanfare, as we prepare to celebrate our nation's birthday. Let your patriotic colors fly, as we create sparkling fireworks, the stars and stripes of an Old Glory windsock and other festive art.

We have two friends having birthdays this month; Aiden will be three on June 8th, and Calder will be three on June 24th. Happy Birthday Aiden and Calder !!!!

Happy summer!!!

Ms. Mandy & Ms. Cindy



Preschool

Wow! What a ride this has been! It's so crazy to think we have not been at school for more than 2 months! Your preschool teachers have missed each and every one of you. I hope you all had fun doing all the activities at home. Ms. Tina and Ms. Nancy have kept us all super busy planning for when we can come back to school. During the month of June, we will learn about our new school, how to keep ourselves and our friends safe and healthy, our new community as we come out of quarantine, and how that relates to all of us in preschool. We will also be learning about the beach, sea animals, and pirates!

We want to say a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our friends who are turning 4 this month: AJ on the 9th and Connor on the 10th. Happy Birthday guys!

As you already know, our school is going to look very different this month, and for the foreseeable future. We as a preschool team have been busy researching ways to help our preschool friends observe social distancing, washing hands, and all the other things that go with our new normal. Our classroom looks quite different. As a teacher, it has been great for me to

spend time in the classroom to rearrange, purge, and restock. Here are some basics of what to expect. We have 4 main play areas, plus the entry and eating area, that will be divided off with colored tape on the floor.

Block/housekeeping area, Dramatic play area, Table toys/manipulatives area, and large floor toy area.

We also have an individual area that will often have different toys available. It is currently a Lego area.

All toys are expected to stay in their designated areas. Up to 5 children may be in any area at one time, depending on the space available. For example, our large floor toy area and block area can accommodate up to 5 children, but our table toys table is large enough for only 3. The individual area is only 1. Our quiet area or "house" has been eliminated and is now storage. Our sensory bin has been converted into a toy washing station (I'm counting on my friends to help!) next to the big sink, and there are a number of red shoebox size plastic bins around the room for any dirty toys to be placed. These will be taken to the toy washing station throughout the day and redistributed to their designated area when clean. While most toys in the center cannot be labeled for each child, we are labeling a bag of

school type supplies that will only be for your child. Each bag will contain pencils, chalk, paintbrushes, crayons, markers, etc. and will only be used by your child. Ms. Nancy is graciously making enough playdough for each child to have their own (big thank you!!), which will be stored in an individual container, along with any playdough toys. All toys will be washed and sanitized at the end of every week.

At the tables, we still have our table names (ask your child about the new ones!), and we will be taping off sections on each table to help give the children a visual of where their space at the table is. We will start with no more than 4 friends at the long tables, and 2 each at the manipulatives table and the housekeeping table. As our friends get used to offering more space to each other, we hope to add one or two more friends to our long tables. We also have marks on the floor at the sinks and in our class hallway so when we line up to wash our hands or go outside, we know where to stand to give enough space.

Since we all now have "school" shoes, I recommend that your child's school shoes be either slip on or Velcro. We want to encourage independence as much as

possible in class, not only to reduce the spread of germs, but also because preschool is the age when most children can begin doing things by themselves, like putting on shoes. Please make sure that the shoes are closed toe and comfortable for your child to wear all day, as we will be wearing them on the playground as well. Crocs, Vans, and Toms style shoes (store brand) all work well and can be bought inexpensively online or at any department store.

A big change in our preschool class is that our beloved Ms. Millie will not be joining us for the month of June, even though she is at home, she is well, and is looking forward to seeing all of our friends back in July. We are excited to welcome Ms. Charis full time in preschool for this month and look forward to having her around more.

Last, but not least, when you come on June 1, we will have a sunscreen form for you! If you have sunscreen from last year that is not expired, and would like to use it again, please let us know as we have it saved. If we have a bottle that has run out, or is expired, it will be handed to you as you pick up on your child's first day. Please fill out the form, sign, and return it to us

with sunscreen as soon as possible.

Ms. Angela, Ms. Kayla, Ms. Millie, and Ms. Charis



Pre-K

We are so excited to be back with our kids! We have missed them so much. We have a lot of changes this June, please be sure to check out the changes in Mrs. Tina's emails. In the mornings, feel free to speak to Ms. Lori at the front of the building for any clarification on room questions.

Through this time, we are going to be trying not to say goodbye at the outside gate. We are asking parents to bring small stuffed animals only, and possibly a small blanket if needed, we are trying not to have a nap time. Instead we will have a 30 minute quiet time on individual carpet squares. If you have not already, fill out the parent questionnaire and return it to Ms. Lori June 1st.

For the month of June, we will be learning about earth and rocks, amphibians and reptiles, Father's Day and construction, and Eric Carle. We usually have graduation during the month of June, but

because of the current circumstance will be moving it into July or August at a TBA date.

Activities planned for this month are going to include some fine motor skills such as tweezer patterning, stick painting, puzzles, and popsicle stick construction. Our sensory bins will include sandcastle building, pond themed water play, recycled plastic, and dirt construction. Our block area will be concentrated on planning and building construction, papier Mache rocks, and snake homes. We will be doing some fun group gross motor activities; tree yoga, ball tossing/aim, snake slithering, and frog jumping. Some cool math and science activities, we will have available are animal x-rays, stick measuring, color mixing, and sea animal patterning. Our dramatic play will be centered around conservation and research lab for earth and amphibian/reptile.

We truly hope you and your families have been doing really well

Happy 5th birthday to Grace on the 13th and Michaela on the 29th!

Mrs. Sam, Ms. Lori, Ms. Rebekah and Ms. Grace