

# Stepping Stone News

*June 2018 Edition*

## **A Message from the Directors**

**Greetings SSCC Families!**

**We would like to say Thank You to all of the Mothers, Grandmothers, and Special Ladies of Stepping Stone Children's Center for attending Our Annual Mother's Day Luncheon. The children and staff enjoyed seeing all of your smiling faces.**

**During the month of May, we also enjoyed a fun filled Spirit Week. The warm weather has allowed us to go out and enjoy some outdoor exploration. Thank you for all that participated in the Spring Fundraiser that allowed us to purchase new playground equipment!**

**In June, we are looking forward to celebrating the Fathers of SSCC on June 15th, and kick off our summer program as the school year comes to an end. If you have not already, please be sure to turn in field trip permission forms with payment. We are looking forward to a JOYUS June here at SSCC!**

**As always, we thank you for your continued support of Stepping Stone Children's Center!**

## **What's Happening in June**

**June 15th: Father's Day Luncheon**

**June 18th- June 22nd: VBX**

**June 19th: QACPS Last Day**

**June 27th: First Water Day**

**June 29th: The Edge Field Trip (School Age Only)**



## **Upcoming Events/Closings**

**July 4th: SSCC Closed in Observance of Independence Day**

**July 10th: Tracey Eldridge Performance (Main Center Only)**

**July 13th: The Edge Field Trip (School Age Only)**

**July 16th: Mowbray Park Field Trip (School Age Only)**

**July 17th: Bowling Field Trip (School Age Only)**

**July 20th: Swimming Field Trip (School Age Only)**

**July 24th: Petting Zoo Visit (Main Center Only)**

**July 26th: Godfrey Farm Field Trip**

**July 27th: The Edge Field Trip (School Age Only)**

**July 31st: Mini Golf Field Trip (School Age Only)**

**August 3rd: Swimming Field Trip (School Age Only)**

**August 6th: Mowbray Park Field Trip (School Age Only)**

**August 7th: Skatezone Field Trip (School Age Only)**

**August 9th: Smithsonian National Zoo Trip (Main Center Only)**

**August 21st: Bowling Field Trip (School Age Only)**

August 24th- SSSC Closed for Professional Development Day  
August 30th- End of the Year Bash  
August 31st: The Edge Field Trip (School Age Only)

## Education

During the month of June we will be observing Father's Day and Flag Day. Our theme for the month is **Down By The Bay**, which will include **Beach, Boating and Under the Sea**. The letters we will practice are **U & V** and numbers **19 & 20**. The color of the month is **Blue** and the shape is **Rectangle**. We ask that you join us and keep our theme based learning going at home!



## Classroom Spotlight- The Terrific Twos

For the month of June our Terrific Two's are excited to celebrate Father's Day and Flag Day! We will learn about the letter **U & V** by coloring our letter sheets and talking about what words start with these letters. We will also work on our Father's Day projects and send them home with all of our Dad's on the 15th. Our color for the month is **Blue**. We will be painting with the color **Blue** and playing a game about finding blue objects in our classroom.

We are looking forward to getting the month of June started!





# Infant and Toddler Minute: Choosing Appropriate Art Materials for Toddlers

Young toddlers are more interested in exploring and manipulating art materials than in creating works of art. It is not surprising that when introduced to crayons and paper, they may be most interested in touching, looking at and even tasting the art materials. Once children find the marks crayons make on the paper are more interesting than how they taste, then they are ready for art experiences. Even at this point, parents and teachers need to provide close supervision and decide how to slowly introduce art materials as children become ready. Below are a list of age appropriate art materials for our young ones!

Young Toddlers (12-23 months of age): • **Large, non-toxic crayons** • **Large paper (white and different colors) taped to a surface (table, easel, wall)** • **Non-toxic finger paint** • **Large, non-toxic chalk and chalk boards**

Older Toddlers (24-30 months of age): • **The items listed above for younger toddlers** • **Watercolor markers** • **Tempera paints** • **Painting tools, such as paint brushes of various widths and short handles** • **Paper of different sizes and colors** • **Easy-to-use blunt scissors** • **Unbreakable chalk boards and chalk** • **Play dough and simple tools (rollers, plastic or wooden utensils)** • **Large self-stick stamps, stickers and tape** • **Scrap paper and cut-out pictures for collage with glue sticks**

Inappropriate Art Materials for Toddlers: • **Glitter** • **Permanent markers** • **Items children can choke on such as small broken pieces of crayons, small beads or Styrofoam peanuts**

Reference: The Child Care Chat, Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center at Salisbury University

## School Age Information

Parents,

Please don't forget to turn in your field trip slips, and sunscreen slips with sunscreen. Summer is approaching us very fast. QACPS has half days on June 14th, 15th, 18th and 19th. We will be having VBX coming the week of June 18th-22nd. On June 18th & 19th they will be coming hat 2:00pm and The Edge Arena on June 29th.

We have lots of trips, crafts, and other fun things planned. We are looking forward to an awesome summer with our friends, and lots of **FUN, FUN, FUN** in the sun!

## QACPS Information

June 14th: Half Day of School

June 15th: Half Day of School

June 18th: Half Day of School

June 19th: Half Day of School (Last Day)

September 4th: First Day of School (Grades 1-6)

September 6th: Pre-K and Kindergarten First Day



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