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JUNE 2012 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME SUMMER



The lazy, hazy days of summer will soon be here! Although we look forward to the change of the season, we sadly say good-bye to some of our friends. To those who are leaving us, we wish you the best and invite you to come back to visit any time at all! We will miss you. To our returning friends, welcome back! It's great to see you again! To those new friends who will join us for the summer, we welcome you to the Breezy Knoll family.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 15, Fri. Kindergarten Graduation
5:45PM – 6:45PM
- June 17, Sun. Happy Father's Day!
- June 18, Mon. Summer program begins
- June 20, Wed. Summer begins

SCHOOL AGE SUMMER CAMP

Please return all paperwork for summer camp as soon as possible, or at the latest, **June 8**, so that we may finalize plans. Thanks!

FOOTPRINTS

*"Walk a little slower, Daddy,"
Said a child so small.*

*"I'm following in your footprints,
And I don't want to fall.*

*Sometimes your steps are very fast.
Sometimes they're hard to see.*

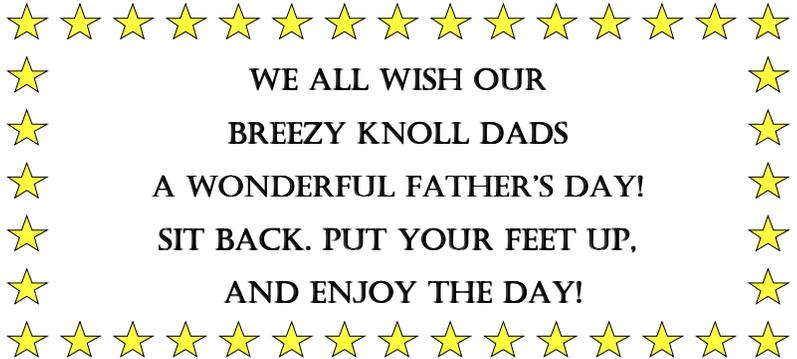
*So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.*

*Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be.*

*Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.*

*And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true.*

*So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."*



WE ALL WISH OUR
BREEZY KNOLL DADS
A WONDERFUL FATHER'S DAY!
SIT BACK. PUT YOUR FEET UP,
AND ENJOY THE DAY!

REMINDERS

- Please be sure that your child has an extra set of clothes to keep here at Breezy that are suitable for the weather. Thanks!
- Kindly remember to apply sunscreen and/or insect repellent to your child BEFORE arriving at Breezy.

TODDLER NEWS

This is an exciting time of year. We are very happy to welcome some new friends into our Toddler family and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. Some of our Toddlers will move to the young preschool group, and we are confident that they will enjoy an easy transition! We will miss all of you in our room!



Just a few reminders: Please leave all toys at home. Breezy Knoll provides your child with many play opportunities. A stuffed animal for quiet time is all that is needed from home. We thank you for your cooperation.

Please take note of our Parent Board. We will post info on your child's day. A list of project needs will be posted there, as some families have asked for ways in which to help us. We greatly appreciate any donations!

We welcome summer and the fun it brings!!

QUOTES FOR FATHERS

**By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.*

Author unknown

**The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get.*
Tim Russert

**Fatherhood is pretending the present you love the most is soap-on-a-rope.* Bill Cosby



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Last day of Kindergarten will be Friday, June 15. Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Friday evening, June 15, from 5:45—6:45 PM. Please plan to have your child at Breezy Knoll by 5:30 PM.

During the last week of school, the class will celebrate all of their hard work with a fun-filled “**Hawaiian vacation.**” Here is our itinerary:



Friday, June 8th—We will depart from Breezy Knoll.

Monday, June 11th—We will enjoy a beach day.

Tuesday, June 12th—We will visit a volcano.

Wednesday, June 13th—We will go sight-seeing to check out waterfalls.

Thursday, June 14th—We will visit the gift shops and enjoy a feast!

Friday, June 15th—We will head home. Can't miss the Graduation!

It was such a wonderful year! All of the children have truly blossomed. Thank you for all of the support and dedication in making this school year a huge success. They are all amazing children. Have a safe summer, and Best Wishes to all in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2012:

Peter, Steven, Thomas, Ava, Logan, Zoe, and Kailey!

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened!

QUICK AND EASY TRAIL MIX

- 3 cups low-fat granola
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1 cup rice cereal
- 1/2 cup dried cherries or cranberries
- 1/2 cup dried apricots, chopped
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips (optional)

In a large bowl or plastic bag, combine all ingredients. Toss to mix. Store in an airtight container for up to a month. Delicious and healthy!



LEARN THROUGH PLAY

From Fun Family Activities MATHEMATICS

Your child can learn about shapes as you go about your day. Have fun as you discover and talk about all the shapes around you.

- Go on a “Shape Hunt” with your child, both inside and outside your home. Find objects that are circles, triangles or squares. “Can you find any rectangles in your room? How about the door, the books, and the pillow?”
- Play the game, “I See Something and It is Round.” Your child can keep guessing the items that fit the description until they guess the item you have in mind. Give clues by describing what the object is next to, under, or near.
- Make different shapes using dough and cookie cutters.
- Find household items that can be used to trace different shapes. Use the end of an empty toilet paper roll to make circles. Use the bottom of the cereal box to make rectangles.
- Talk about the differences they see in shapes. Ask “How many sides does a rectangle, square, and triangle have?”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This month, we wish a Happy Birthday to:

Brady D. and Natalya P. (6/1),
Ryan P. (6/4), Kaitlyn F, Alexis K,
Jace R. (6/8), Abigail M. (6/9),
Rebekah G. (6/18), Abigail M. (6/19),
And Daniel M. (6/20).

OPTIONAL LUNCH MILK/JUICE MONEY

If you would like Breezy Knoll to serve milk/juice to your child at lunchtime, please enclose 25 cents for each day of the month your child will receive milk/juice. Please place money in an envelope and drop in tuition mailbox.

Thank you.

Child's Name _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Milk/juice money enclosed for month of: (circle): Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec



SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Be sure to check this website for ideas about some fun activities to do with your child during the summer. These educational pre-school games are aligned with the RI Early Learning Standards, so your child will be learning without even knowing! They can be downloaded at www.ride.ri.gov/els.

Happy Father's Day

(tune: *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*)

Here's a little song to say,
 "Happy, Happy Father's Day!"
 No one's father is so sweet.
 Your kind ways just can't be beat.
 Happy, Happy Father's Day;
 I love you in a big way!

Summertime Song

(tune: *Mary Had a Little Lamb*)

Summer is the time to (play)
 Time to (play) Time to (play)
 Summer is the time to (play)
 Enjoy those summer days!
 (Insert other words into brackets, such as swim, picnic, etc.)

Sing a Song of Seasons

(tune: *Sing a Song of Sixpence*)

Sing a song of seasons,
 Something bright in all.
 Flowers in the summer; leaves in the fall.
 Snow in the winter; buds in the spring.
 Aren't all these changes a wonderful thing?



Fish Alive

One, two, three, four, five.
 Once I caught a fish alive.
 Six, seven, eight, nine, ten.
 Then I let it go again!
 Why did you let it go?
 Because it bit my finger so.
 Which finger did it bite?
 This little finger on my right!

SUMMER RIDDLE

Q: What do frogs wear on their feet in the summer?

A: Open "toad" shoes!



KIDS' QUOTES



Here's a classic :-). After opening his lunchbox, a Kindergartner happily remarked, "Look! My Dad made *home-made* peanut butter and jelly!"

I'm a Dandelion

(tune: *I'm a Little Teapot*)

I'm a dandelion,
 Oh, so small.
 I'm growing bigger;
 Now I'm tall.
 Soon my yellow blossoms
 Will turn to fluff.
 Along will come the wind
 With a great big huff!



I've Been Sitting in the Sunshine

(tune: *I've Been Working on the Railroad*)

I've been sitting in the sunshine,
 Soaking up the sun.
 I've been sitting in the sunshine.
 I'm hotter than anyone.
 Wow, the sun is really shining!
 It's the hottest I ever felt.
 If I were a bar of chocolate,
 I would surely melt!



Kindergarten, Here We Come!

(tune: *I've Been Working on the Railroad*)

I've been going to my preschool
 All the whole year long.
 I've been going to my preschool,
 And I've learned a lot of songs.
 I can count and say the letters.
 I know my colors too.
 I've been going to my preschool,
 All the whole year through!
 Kindergarten, here I come.
 Kindergarten, here I come.
 I will be there s-o-o-n.
 Kindergarten, here I come.
 Kindergarten, here I come.



DISAPPEARING WORD GAME

On a sunny day, paint a letter or simple word on a sidewalk using a paintbrush and water. Ask your child to guess the letter or word before it disappears! Try it with shapes, too!



FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL AND TODDLERS/SUMMER ATTENDANCE

To help us plan our staffing for the summer months, please complete the form below and return it to Jeannette's mailbox. **We appreciate your effort to help us with scheduling.**

Child's Name _____ Group _____ Date _____

Please note that you are responsible for payment for tuition even if your child is absent due to illness, personal, or vacation. The fees paid reserve your child's enrollment in the center. (PARENT HANDBOOK p. 1)

VACATION WEEKS MY CHILD WILL NOT ATTEND:

June 18-22	<input type="checkbox"/>	July 23-27	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 25-29	<input type="checkbox"/>	July 30-Aug. 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 2-6	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Wed. 7/4/12	August 6-10	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 9-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 13-17	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Mon. 8/13/12
July 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 20-23	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Fri. 8/24/12

NO VACATION DURING THE SUMMER; MY CHILD WILL ATTEND ALL WEEKS

Parent's name _____

Date _____