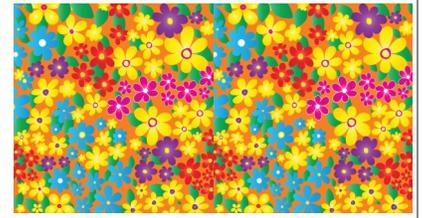


**Breezy Knoll Child Care Center**  
**311 Stillwater Road**  
**Smithfield, RI 02917**  
**(401) 232-7177**



## JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER

### BEST WISHES

On June 13, we sadly say goodbye to our long-time Breezy Knoller Michele Boffa. Michele will retire and spend some well-deserved leisure time with her family, especially her new grandson! During her twenty years at Breezy Knoll, Michele quickly became not only a valued member of our staff, but also a treasured friend, as well. She leaves us with big shoes to fill! We are sad to see her leave Breezy, but we are happy for her and wish her the very best in retirement!

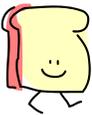


### DATES TO REMEMBER



June 13, Fri. Kindergarten Graduation  
 5:45PM–6:45PM  
 June 15, Sun. Happy Father's Day!  
 June 16, Mon. Summer program begins  
 June 21, Sat. First day of summer

### KIDS' QUOTES



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

### WELCOME

We wish a warm welcome to our new Teacher Assistant, Liz Durigan. Liz has joined our staff and will be working with all of the groups. We welcome her to our team!

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

### WELCOME SUMMER



The days of summer will soon be here! Although we look forward to the change of the season, we sadly say goodbye 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, we welcome you back. To those new friends who will join us for the summer, we welcome you to the Breezy Knoll family.

### TODDLER NEWS

This is an exciting time of year. We are very happy to welcome some new friends into our Toddler family. 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!



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. Some families have asked for ways in which to help us. We greatly appreciate any donations! We welcome summer and the fun it brings!!

### REMINDERS

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

### 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*



## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Last day of Kindergarten will be Friday, June 13. Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Friday evening, June 13, from 5:45—6:45 PM. Please plan to have your child at Breezy Knoll by 5:30 PM.



### Special Dates to Remember this month:

Friday, June 6th	Donuts with Dad at 9:45 Reptile Show at 10:00 am
Tuesday, June 10th	Summer Birthdays Celebration Beach/Hawaiian Theme
Wednesday, June 11th	Sports Theme
Friday, June 13th	Graduation!

It was such a wonderful year! Thank you for all of the support and dedication in making this school year a huge success. As this class graduates, we sadly says goodbye to Miss Michele, who will retire on June 13th. Miss Michele has always been a very important part of Kindergarten graduation, offering love, help, and support. She will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in her retirement!

Have a safe summer, and Best Wishes to all in the future.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2014:

Oliver, Alexia, Gracie, Austin, Danika, Gianni, Greta, Jacob, Leo, and Mia!

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

### SLEEP from Child Care Exchange

Here are some interesting factoids from a Time article (March 2012), Please, Please, Go To Sleep:

- Studies show that 60% of a child's growth hormone is secreted during sleep.
- Getting too little sleep seems to have a role in obesity.
- The National Sleep Foundation recommends 14 to 15 hours of sleep for a baby, 12 to 14 for Toddlers, 11 to 13 for preschoolers, and 10 to 11 for elementary schoolers.

### LEARN THROUGH PLAY

From Fun Family Activities **LITERACY**

When reading to your child:

- Let your child choose a book. Find a cozy, comfortable place to sit together.
- Read the title or name of the book out loud, followed by the names of the author and the illustrator.
- As you read, change voices for the different characters.
- After reading a few pages, wonder out loud about the characters and the story. Ask, "What do you think will happen next?"
- After reading the book, talk about the story. Ask questions and encourage your child to ask questions too!
- Have your child retell the story to someone else like mom, dad, sister, brother, or grandparent.
- Tell stories and read to your child in the language that is spoken at home.
- And... reread favorite books!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*This month, we wish a Happy Birthday to:*

Alexis K. (6/8), Owen F. (6/10),  
Mia F. (6/14), Madeline B. (6/15),  
Jayden W. (6/18), Abigail M. (6/19),  
Madison S. and Daniel M. (6/20),  
Isabella M. (6/21) and Liam M. (6/22).



### 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



## Insects All Around

(tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")  
 Lady bugs and butterflies,  
 Buzzing bees up in the sky.  
 Teeny, tiny little ants,  
 Crawling up and down the plants  
 Many insects can be found  
 In the sky and on the ground.

## 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!

## 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 wonder-  
 ful thing?



## 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.)

## 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

## 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!



## SUMMER RIDDLE



**Q:** What do frogs wear on  
 their feet in the summer?  
**A:** Open "toad" shoes!

## 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!



## 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.



## 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 disap-  
 pears! 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 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	July 21-25	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 23-27	<input type="checkbox"/>	July 28-Aug. 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 30-July 4	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Fri 7/4/134	August 4-8	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 7-11	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 11-15	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Mon. 8/11/14
July 14-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 18-22	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Fri. 8/22/14

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

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_