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Child Nursery Centers

Historic Day Nursery

Our mission: To provide high quality, comprehensive early care and education for all children.

Antlers Place

108 Antlers Place, 80903

719-634-1277

18 months to 6 years

Historic Day Nursery

104 E. Rio Grande, 80903

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2 ½ years to 14 years

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1939 S. El Paso Ave., 80906

719-385-7945

12 months to 5 years

Sand Creek

550 Sand Creek Drive, 80916

719-591-1556

2 ½ years to 7 years

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1465 S. Chelton Road., 80910

719-574-4422

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2311 Monterey Road., 80910

719-579-2933

School Age

Dare to Dream @ Mountain Vista

2550 Dorset Drive, 80910

719-527-3412

School Age

Dare to Dream @ Sand Creek

550 Sand Creek Drive., 80916

205-2265

School Age

Dare to Dream @ Stratton Meadows

610 Brookshire Ave., 80906

719-538-1409

School Age

Corporate Offices

104 E. Rio Grande, 80903

719-632-1754

From the Director

It's already August- can you believe it! It seems like summer just began and it is just about over.

We had a lovely time at our Family Night Luau on July 22nd. It was so much fun to see the kids surfing, doing the limbo and playing carnival-type games.

Thank you so much to all of our families that came out and supported us and your children. We'll have more events coming up real

soon!

Vanessa at the front office would also like to thank our families for updating their yellow IEF form promptly and completely-it was very helpful and appreciated.

Upcoming office notes:

- the annual registration fee will be charged the week of August 24th.
- the annual update of paperwork will occur in mid-September

Just a friendly reminder-licensing requires that children be accompanied by an adult at ALL times while in the center.

This would include dropping off, picking up as well as obtaining items from your children's cubbies.

We appreciate your help and understanding in this matter.

Thank you!

Ms. Jamie

Day Nursery

Interim Director

Accreditation Corner

This month we are focusing on Standard 7: Families

Program Standard: The program establishes and maintains collaborative relationships with each child's family to foster children's development in all settings. These relationships are sensitive to family composition, language, and culture.

Rationale: Young children's learning and development are integrally connected to their families. Consequently, to support and promote children's optimal learning and development, programs need to recognize the primacy of children's families, establish relationships with families based on mutual trust and respect, support and involve families in their children's educational growth, and invite families to fully participate in the program.

Visit us Online at
WWW.CSCNC.ORG

Please ask your child's teacher or Center Director if you have any questions!

From the Parent Handbook

Parents/Guardians/Sponsors Involvement/Communication

CNC encourages family participation. Parents/guardians/sponsors are encouraged to visit our classrooms at any time, volunteer, come along on a field trip, or to come and eat a meal with your child. Family nights allow parents and children time to share, learn, and have fun. Parents have an opportunity to feel welcome, be apart of their child's early learning experience, and allows for opportunities to connect with other parents.

Family nights are scheduled on a regular basis. These family nights include dinner and fun filled age-appropriate activities for children and parents/guardians/sponsors to engage in together.

Head Start and Early Head Start Partnership Classrooms have quarterly Parent Center Meetings that are open to all families enrolled at the center. Parent Center Meetings provide opportunities for families to learn about early childhood development and to have social interactions with other families.

Pre I

Hello Parents!

It's time again for our monthly newsletter and to update you on what's new and upcoming for the month.

James has now moved to Pre 2, we'll miss you James, and we have new friends that will join us later on in the month.

Our Story Book Journey books will include: Pooh's Honey Tree, The Napping

House, My 5 Senses and Guess How Much I love You.

A few activities that we will be doing are: exploring honey, recognizing shapes and sizes, talking about our senses and retelling stories using flannel board pieces.

At the start of the month, we will send home seeds to plant and then chart the growth throughout the month. We look forward to your participation on this

project.

We will also have a tea party o Aug. 13th. We will be sending home invitations soon. We would love to have you join us!

As always, we invite you to come to our room and play with us. There is always something going on in Pre 1!

Ms. Tasha

Ms. Emily

Pre II

Dear Pre 11 families:

We want to welcome our new students and families to our class. August is here and so is "*Back to School.*" In preparation for that, we'll be focusing on getting to know each other, working cooperatively together, class participation and class rules.

Our Story Book Journey to start August will be The Three Bears. We will be

looking at ways Goldilocks could have made her visit with the 3 bears more pleasant and polite.

A nice activity you can do at home with your child is to discuss and write down 2 or 3 ways your family members show politeness to one another. We would like your child to share them with us.

An important reminder: . . . Please be sure your child

has an extra set of clothes at school. Accidents happen and the students appreciate their own clothing.

We enjoy our parents visiting, so please feel free to join us for an activity or outside play. We would love to have you!

Ms. Sue

Ms. Marlene

Pre III

Welcome Pre III families and August!!

During this month, Story Book Journey's are as follows: The Happy Hedgehog Band, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Midnight Fridge, and How Much is That Doggie in the Window. A few of the many exciting activities we will be doing are: making a rain stick, planting beans in baggies as well as in the soil to see which beans would grow the fastest. We will also be making

fresh squeezed lemonade.

As you may have noticed, Pre III has a new teacher, Ms. Kelley. Ms. Kelley joins us having many years experience with early childhood education . We are very lucky to have her as part of our Pre III family. On Thursday, August 6th, Pre III will be having a "get to know Ms. Kelley" party. The time for that will be from 3:30-5:30. Please feel free to talk with Ms. Kelley and en-

joy a refreshing beverage and a snack.

As always, please stop by anytime and spend some time with your child in our classroom. In order to prevent lost and broken toys, please do not bring toys from home. Of course, your child is always welcome to bring a soft toy for naptime and a book to share with the class.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer!

Pre III teachers

Dragonflies

Welcome to August!

School's starting and we're getting ready for kindergarten and 1st grade.

We will spend 2 weeks talking about dinosaurs. Our Story Book Journey's are: Danny & the Dinosaur and I am a Big Dinosaur. We will do many fun activities

which will include making dino fossils and exploring dino eggs and patterning with dinosaurs. We will also dance to the "Dino-Pokey."

Our take-home projects will include creating a diorama and finding items that can fit inside an egg.

As always, we invite you to visit our room to see what we are busy doing!

Remember: **District # 11 goes back to school on 8/18 & District #2 goes back on 08/11.**

Ms. Ashley

Happiville

Summer is quickly coming to an end. It has been a fun and exciting summer break. We hope to see all of you next year. Just a couple of reminders: **Dist. 2** will return to school on **Tuesday, 08/11/2009** and **Dist. 11** on **Tuesday, 08/18/2009**. Columbia Elementary is

Day Nursery's new home school. Please let us know if your child(ren) will continue care with us through the 2009-2010 school year.

Our last summer unit will be a Mock Trial. We will talk about what a "trial" is, who is involved, what names they go by in a

courtroom, and discuss laws.

In August, we will also be doing a science experiment with celery and food coloring, watercolor pictures, melted crayon pictures, golf & marble paintings and crystal paintings.

Ms. Keisha

If you can
laugh at it,
you can live
with it.
-Erma
Bombeck

T-Birds

Dear Parents,

The children have had a wonderful summer here at the Day Nursery with all of our fun and exciting field trips and different activities!

Our last unit will be a Mock Trial for the first two weeks of August. The activities for this will consist of writing why T.V. reporters are not allowed in the courtroom and why would a

prosecutor and police officer would have to work together.

We will also do body-tracing, identifying famous police cases, discussing a judges' robe and various designs, making gavels and many other activities that would be related to court proceedings and trials. The Story Book Journey for the last 2 weeks of August will be Mr. Rover Takes Over. Projects will include:

book making, draw giant pencils, make backpacks, making a yellow bus, write about your favorite subject and why it's your favorite subject, name 2 rules you would want in school and various other activities.

As always, if there are any questions; feel free to ask me at anytime.

Mr. Fred

Safety First

Part 3: Child care providers, teachers and parents alike should partner together to teach children of all ages, and especially youngsters, about fire safety. Here are more tips for teaching fire safety for kids.

8. **It's In The Touch**—Instruct kids how to check doors to see if they are hot, and if so, how to find another way out. Fire safety for kids includes having them find a towel to use for handling, touching or grabbing items to avoid burns, and to also use the towel to protect their faces and cover their mouths.
9. **Stop, Drop and Roll**—Teach kids what to do in the event that their clothes catch fire. Make sure they understand “stop, drop and roll.” Many a fire-related injury could have been avoided or greatly minimized if a child heeded this advice instead of the natural instinct of running.
10. **Practice Monthly**—Practice your escape plan at least twice a year with

children as part of fire safety for kids, preferably monthly. Families and providers should also practice fire drills and alter areas affected by fire.

From: Robin McClure, About.com

A bank is a place where they lend you an umbrella in fair weather and ask for it back when it begins to rain.

-Robert Frost

Keep It Moving and You Are What You Eat

Local Farmers Markets are great for cheap, nutritious produce!

Briargate Farmer's Market—Briargate Pkwy. & chapel Hills Drive Saturdays 8am—12pm, ends September 26

Colorado Farm and Art Market—America the Beautiful Park Wednesdays

3pm-7pm ends October 7

Doherty High School Farmer's Market—Saturdays 7am-1:30 pm ends October 3

Memorial Park Farmer's Market—Mondays 7am-1:30 pm ends October 3

Memorial Park Farmer's Market—Thursdays 7am-1:30 pm ends October 8

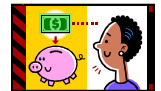
Old Colorado City Farmer's Market—Saturdays 7am-1:30pm ends October 31

Midweek Market Farmer's Market—Manitou springs Wednesdays 4 pm-8pm ends August 26

Woodland Park Farmer's Market—Fridays 7am-1pm ends September 25

“Cha-Ching” - Ways To Save Money

How to use “cash for clunkers”



The government's “cash for clunkers” program, officially called the Car Allowance Rebate System, or CARS for short, is in full swing, but only some consumers will be able to participate thanks to the eligibility requirements for potential buyers, their current vehicles and the vehicles they plan to buy or lease. The program was designed to help consumers buy or lease a more environmentally friendly car, pickup or SUV when they trade in a less fuel-efficient one. Consumers can get a \$3,500 or \$4,500 credit toward the purchase of a new vehicle depending on the fuel economy improvement between the two vehicles, according to the government's web site cars.gov. This credit is considered the buyer's trade-in value, and their clunker is sent off to be crushed. Here's the lowdown on the process. **Step 1: Determine if you qualify.** The person trading in the clunker must have been the vehicle's owner on the registration and the title for at least one year prior to the date of the purchase, according to the programs requirements. The title must be “clear”, so if there is a lien holder, you must first clear the lien before participating in the program. **Step 2: Determine if your vehicle qualifies.** Vehicles that are traded must be no more than 25 years old and must get no more than 18 miles per gallon as a combined average fuel economy under the EPA's new estimated mile-per-gallon calculations. **Step 3: Determine if the new vehicle you want to purchase or lease qualifies.** The CARS program only applies to new, not used, vehicles that are being purchased or leased for a five-year term or longer and have a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$45,000 or less, the programs requirements states. It must get at least 22 miles per gallon if a passenger care, 18 miles per gallon if a light-duty pickup, some SUVs and minivans or 15 miles per gallon if a large light-duty truck and some larger vans. **Step 4: Decide if it makes financial sense to participate in the program.** If your vehicle is worth more than the amount of the credit, you may want to try to sell it yourself or trade it conventionally, without using the CARS program. **Step 5: Decide on a dealer.** Find a dealer that is participating in the program. **Step 5: Complete the transaction paperwork and drive home.**

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