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*Newsletter for families of NDNCC*

Nov./December 2013

## ANNUAL SOUP SHARING

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 26 at 11:30 am. Once again, NDNCC will host it's annual Family Soup Sharing event.

Family members will be invited to join their children for some tasty, homemade soup in the classrooms. The soup is actually put together from donations from NDNCC families and each classroom has a hand in it's preparation. The children enjoy seeing the colorful array of vegetables, beans and pasta that come together.

Soon there will be a sign up sheet by the front desk to volunteer to bring single items for the soup. We hope you will be able to join us!

\*Also on Soup Sharing Day - those who purchased Holiday Pies (per the below) may pick them up.



## PRE-K READING ENCOURAGEMENT PROJECT (PREP)

Our Pre-Kindergarten children are the recipients of a free subscription to the Ranger Rick Jr. magazine thanks to PREP. The children are also receiving a Letter and Number kit. The PREP program was developed by the University of





Delaware as a way to enhance the reading ability of young children entering the school setting.

Each month the magazine will feature a family reading guide. You may also find the guide via their website at <http://www.nwf.org/Kids/Ranger-Rick-Jr/Parent-Reading-Guide.aspx>.

The Ranger Rick Jr. magazine is an award-winning subscription with amazing photography, fascinating stories, fun activities and more. We are excited to have our children benefit from this program!

## READ ALOUD DELAWARE

NDNCC is proud to have a partnership with Read Aloud Delaware. Throughout the week Read Aloud volunteers visit our center and provide valuable one-on-one readings to the children in a dedicated, quiet area.

Here are just a few general suggestions from Read Aloud to get more reading in your children's lives:

- Read everything -- read the labels on grocery cans and boxes, street signs, comic strips, recipes or food coupons.
- Cut out letters and words from newspapers, magazines and flyers.
- Use paper and greeting card covers to make your own loose-leaf book.
- Buy or borrow books -- give books as birthday presents.
- Write stories as your child dictates them and share the stories with others.
- Make pens, pencils and crayons available to your child -- let your child draw pictures to go with the stories you read aloud. Display the art where it can be seen by others.



Read Aloud's website at [www.readalouddelaware.org](http://www.readalouddelaware.org) is full of good resources for your review.

## POLICY REMINDER

It's time to make seasonal changes with spare



clothes here at the Center. Also, please return any NDNCC spare clothes if they have gone home with your child.

## HOLIDAY PIE SALE

Save yourself the hassle, and let NDNCC prepare your freshly baked pies for your holiday gatherings. We'll be taking orders until

November 12 for delicious Apple Crumb or Pumpkin 9" pies @ \$10/pie.

Orders may be picked up during our annual Soup Sharing event on November 26, two days prior to Thanksgiving.

Please see the front desk for additional order forms.



## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



Pre-School has been busy learning about Community Helpers and autumn. We saw an old fashioned fire engine, had a visit by Officer Mark of the Newark Police Department, and cooked with our Kitchen manager, Ms. Kristen. We have peeled, cored, and sliced apples, made leaf piles, taken walks in the woods, shucked corn, cleaned out pumpkin guts, and generally had a lot of FUN! We have also been learning American Sign Language and many of us can sign our names.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Early Child Education (ECE) – ONGOING:

Day

- M ECE, Chinese Institute visits
- T-F ECE, Read Aloud DE one-on-one readings
- T Pre-K, KidFit visits, 10-10:30 am
- T TW/TODD, UD Music visits, 9-10 am
- W Pre-S/Pre-K, UD Music visits, 9-11 am

TH-F Pre-S, KidFit visits, 9-10 am

### **NOVEMBER:**

- 1 School Age Children (SAC), Cooking Club, 4-5:30 pm
- 4 SAC, Woodworking Club, 4-5:30 pm
- 5 SAC, Arts/Crafts Club, 4-5:30 pm
- 5 Family Movie Night, 6:15-7:30 pm
- 8 SAC, Cooking Club, 4-5:30 pm
- 12 SAC, Arts/Crafts Club, 4-5:30 pm
- 12 Food/Nutrition Education, 6:15-7:15 pm
- 15 SAC, Cooking Club, 4-5:30 pm
- 18 SAC, Woodworking Club, 4-5:30 pm
- 20 Food/Nutrition Education, 6:15-7:15 pm
- 26 ECE, Soup Sharing event, 11:30 am
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- 28 **NDNCC CLOSED - Holiday**
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### **DECEMBER:**

- 4 Food/Nutrition Education, 6:15-7:15 pm
- 10 Food/Nutrition Education, 6:15-7:15 pm
- 24 **NDNCC CLOSING @ 3 PM - Holiday**
- 25 **NDNCC CLOSED - Holiday**



### **NDNCC BENEFITS FROM KID FIT AWARD**

Two of the students who teach KID FIT at NDNCC have been selected to be part of the First Step program within the College of Health Sciences where students work on health-related problems. These students have been awarded \$500, which they'll be using to purchase equipment that will be permanently housed at NDNCC. They are in the process of designing a study to look at the impact of KID FIT on physical activity levels. The study will fit within the regularly scheduled times for the KID FIT program.

### **FAMILY ENGAGEMENT @ NDNCC**

There is a family engagement event just around the corner. Tuesday, November 5 is Family Movie Night at NDNCC. We will be watching a great movie and having popcorn. Please sign up for Family Movie Night at the front desk, call 302-731-4925 or email [kwhite@newarkdaynursery.org](mailto:kwhite@newarkdaynursery.org). We are also planning other initiatives such as nutrition and financial management classes.



You may ask yourself, "What is family engagement and why is it important?" Family engagement is a shared responsibility in which

families and the communities are committed to engaging families in meaningful ways and families are committed to actively supporting their children's learning and development. Family engagement should also be continuous throughout a child's life and carried out everywhere children learn including at home, pre-kindergarten programs, school, before and after school programs, and community programs. Our goal is active participation from each and every family at NDNCC.

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