



The Allgood News

Cobb County Head Start/Pre-K

May 2010



A MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF

During May, the teachers will be contacting you to schedule a time to complete the end of the school year conference. The teachers will share the final count of the checklist skills your child has completed. This is the way our program documents outcomes for the school year and the progress your child has made.

The teachers also will be talking to you about things you can do to help your child transition to the next year. Children who are in our four year old classes will receive information packets about kindergarten readiness.

Please check out the information on our upcoming events and workshops.



Policy Council

“Thank you” to Mr. Joel Sanjuanico for representing our center so faithfully at Policy Council this year. We appreciate the time he spent to serve in this position.

Important Dates

Friday, May 7th – RIF Day

MALE INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITY

Friday, May 7th – Read to Me Daddy Activity & Literacy for Fathers Workshop provided by Cobb County Public Library

Sunday, May 9th – Mother’s Day

Wednesday, May 12th
Transition to Kindergarten Workshop 9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 17th – Resource Fair – 1:00 p.m.

Friday, May 21st – Last Day of Classes

Transitioning to Kindergarten

The teachers are working daily with the children to prepare them for kindergarten. Parents, please keep up the good work throughout the summer months. If you have not registered your child for kindergarten yet, you can do so at your local elementary school.

Don’t forget to attend the Kindergarten Transition Workshop scheduled on May 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Allergies: How to protect yourself and your children



For food allergies, as a mother you can keep your baby on breast milk exclusively for at least 6 months and delay introduction of common allergy-causing foods: cow's milk, citrus fruits, eggs, peanuts and fish. This may keep your child from developing certain allergies. For environmental allergies, using air conditioners and purifiers may prevent some allergies.

Do you need a summer program or activities for your child? See your family partner for a list of the available resources for child care or recreational activities.

Ten Ways to be a Better Dad

1. **Respect your child's mother**
2. **Spend time with your children.**
3. **Earn the right to be heard.**
4. **Discipline with love.**
5. **Read to your children.**
6. **Show affection.**
7. **Eat together as a family.**
8. **Be a teacher and role model**
9. **Realize that a father's job is never done.**
10. **Join a father's group.**



-Adapted from the National Fatherhood Initiative

WE NEED 4-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN!

We are currently taking applications for the 2007-2008 Head Start Program. If you know anyone who has an eligible 4-year-old child, please have them contact us at 770-424-1961.

Keep Summer Safe

For many Americans summer means fun in the sun. The kids are on vacation and it's time for outdoor activities, such as swimming or bike riding. However, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) warns that summer is the time of year consumers are most likely to be injured.

- ☉ Wear a helmet and other safety gear when biking, skating, skateboarding, and when riding scooters or all-terrain vehicles.
- ☉ Never bring charcoal grills inside. Burning charcoal produces deadly carbon monoxide.
- ☉ Make sure your home playground is safe. Falls cause 60 percent of playground injuries. Concrete, asphalt or packed dirt surfaces are too hard.
- ☉ Use softer than standard baseballs and batting helmets with face guards to reduce baseball related injuries.
- ☉ To prevent serious injuries while using a trampoline, allow only one person on at a time. Kids under 6 years old should not use full-size trampolines.
- ☉ Don't allow a game of hide-n-seek to become deadly. CPSC has received reports of numerous suffocation deaths involving children who crawled inside old chests, freezers, clothes dryers, etc.... Child proof appliances.
- ☉ Install window guards to prevent children from falling out of open windows. Or, install window stops that permit windows to open no more than 4 inches.
- ☉ Summer also means yard work. When mowing, keep small children out of the yard, and turn mower off if children enter the area. Never carry children on a riding lawn mower.

