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## Bonjour aux Parents! Hello Parents!

School is officially over for everyone; summer has arrived!

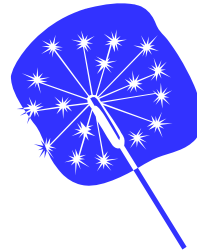
We have a full house, and some great activities planned.

Our afterschoolers are here for the summer:

Kirsten, Kaylyn, Bryanna, Julia, and Alissa.

We would also like to welcome Mya, who is nine years old, and her brother Ethan, who is a month shy of six.

They will be here for the summer as well.



"welcome schoolagers...it's gonna be a fun summer..."



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## July Birthdays

Baby Autumn 7/22 turns two.

Alissa 7/31 reaches the ripe old age of ten.

As always, parents may bring cupcakes which we will serve at lunch; our allergy free recipe is here on file! Please choose a recipe

from our allergy free cookbook, if you would like to bring a treat for your child to celebrate his/her birthday with us!



## School Reminders

### Ellis School

There are none! We will wait until the August newsletter to inform you of the fall starting date. You all deserve some time away from the hustle and bustle!

### Swasey School

There are none! We will wait until the August newsletter to inform you of the fall starting date. You all deserve some time away from the hustle and bustle!

## July Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**"We are closed Friday,  
July 4, 2008."**

## July Themes

Preschoolers will be going over an abbreviated curriculum over the summer which will cover the following:

Review Letters: I - Q ~ Review Numbers: 9 - 14 ~ Review Shapes: Star, Square, Oval ~ Review Colors: Blue, Pink, White

- **America The Beautiful** - This new theme begins with a patriotic salute to America and continues with information about the country's capitol and National Parks.\*
- **Vacation Bound** - Summer is the perfect time to get away for a relaxing vacation. Travel by car, plane, boat, or train and explore some of the fun things to do and places to visit on a vacation.

**Colors And Shapes** - Colors and shapes are everywhere! This theme focuses on how colors and shapes work together to make up the world

Review Letters: R - Z ~ Review Numbers: 15 - 20 ~ Review Shapes: Rectangle, Circle ~ Review Colors: Purple, Green, Yellow

- **In The Green Grass** - Grass does more than just cover the ground. It can be used to make everything from clothing to buildings! Learn about the many plants that belong to the grass family and the creatures that live there.
- **Beautiful Bugs** - Ants, ladybugs, crickets, and bumblebees are just a few of the beautiful bugs covered in this theme. The children will learn about the characteristics of insects, where they live, and what they eat.
- **Everything Alphabet** - Gear up for back-to-school with an alphabet review! Letters, sounds, and plenty of early literacy fun will fill the children's days



# Happy Fourth of July!

## Miss Karen's Korner

I am truly pleased and proud of the work that these girls and boys turned out towards the end of the year! Change can be tough on kids, on all of us..but they were remarkable. From Damon reading the directions to all of us for a project we were doing, to Colby in charge of scissors and glue. Every child in my class wrote their own name on their paper(s) each and every day..at first with some help, but very shortly thereafter they were insistent that they do it themselves!

Before going any further with news tidbits, I have to acknowledge the outstanding effort Miss Nicole put forth not only with her class's portfolios, but the older students posters as well. I have already heard from one parent who couldn't wait to call us to let us know how proud she was of her child's accomplishments; but not only that, how impressed she was with the way the work was displayed. On behalf of all of us, Nicole, thank you!

Thank you Aidan and your Mom and Dad, for donating the Bouncy for our party! That was definitely one of the bigger highlights of the day! We enjoyed all our delicious goodies donated to us as well. A big thank you to Curtis for hauling his Gelati machine here, and giving us his time and patience to show us all how to make his delicious product. The lemon flavor was a hit!

I am extremely excited to announce two very new and exciting programs, I will be introducing over the summer months. If it goes as well as I expect it to, we will continue it into the upcoming school year 2008-2009.

The first one is Starfall.com. This is used both in Childcare facilities and public schools. Some of the kids here including Damon, Marilyn and Colby have been using the demos and loving it! It's completely interactive...you won't be disappointed... very user friendly and the best part...they are learning to READ!!!! I will be ordering some of the materials to have here on hand, i.e. books, handouts and so on. Please check out their website; you wont be disappointed.

The other program that we will begin this month comes from Little Pim;"foreign language and fun". The modules have been ordered and arrived on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June. So, parents beware your child will be speaking a second language soon; in this case, the one I selected is French! More about these folks can be found on [www.littlepim.com](http://www.littlepim.com) We are eager to get started and I know we will all be thrilled with the results!

Lastly, we have changed our menu format slightly, and sadly wont be able to rely on Heather and her great cooking; thank you Heather for all your hard work! In order to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), we are using a software designed by C-K Kids. All the meals are preplanned in advance by one of the staff using the preloaded meals and food items that meet CACFP requirements. For those of you not familiar with their standards, be assured that they must meet the high quality nutrition standards set by

## Miss Nicole's Korner

My crew and I are looking forward to a great summer, with lots of outdoor time, including long walks, water play with the sprinkler or slip 'n slide, playing in the sandbox. I do want to keep the momentum with curriculum, so we will have arts and crafts weekly, as well as learning more signing. Happy summer!

