



# Katie's Kids News & Events



## June 2010

Hello Parents,

We are thrilled to let you know that all of our classroom transitions for summer have gone very well. The new Pre-K and K-Club classes are enjoying getting to know each other, and we are very excited to have the School Agers join us for the summer! The classrooms will be enjoying our water feature for the summer as well as our outdoor playground. The children will have a wonderful summer exploring our natural environment. Some of the activities they will participate in will be planting flowers, looking for bugs/butterflies, digging in the dirt and sand, going on nature walks, and watching our "resident" robin and her 3 babies eat and grow throughout the summer.

Our Summer Kick-Off Concert was so much fun!! Families, Children and Staff all enjoyed our concert followed by a picnic with turkey burgers, chips and watermelon. Be sure to check out our lobby for some fun pictures!! If you would like to order a CD from Julie K you can go to her website at [www.juliekmusic.com](http://www.juliekmusic.com).

Something else fun we have planned for the summer is a **Children's Concert and an Open House at our new location - Katie's Kid's at Fort Jesse**. The Open House will be held from 10am-11:30am on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> with Julie K Music performing for us again. The open house will be open to the community, so we look forward to seeing everyone there!!!

Mo, Katie, and Tammy

### KKLC WEBSITE

Be sure to visit our Katie's Kids website [www.katieskids.net](http://www.katieskids.net) to sign up for a copy of "Mo Kelly's connecting with Kids" monthly newsletter!!

# Classroom Tidbits...

## Room 1

We have started a new project called "Being Me". We will be focusing on our bodies and how they work! We will also be touching on our 5 senses, feelings, and learning about our families. We will be sending home a questionnaire for parents to fill out with your child. We will have a special bulletin board inside the classroom to display the information in Celebrating Families! We look forward to this project and the summer ahead of us!!!

Thanks to all of you who helped us during our transportation project, and our mini projects on sensory and music!

If you have any questions or concerns please see Megan or Lindsay.

**Miss Megan, Miss Lindsay**

## Room 2

Summer has arrived here in room 2. We ended our unit on ducks in May. Come and check out our duck pond display in our room. We have a lot of activities planned for June. We will be talking about picnic fun. We will be making watermelon and displaying them in the room, eating watermelon, painting ice cream sundaes and reading books about picnic's and summer fun. We also will begin water play on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We are all excited to make a splash in the water. We sadly said good bye to Miss Cathy, but we are very happy to have Miss Melinda join us. We hope everyone has a great summer.

**Miss Tanisha, Miss Melinda and Miss Elizabeth**

## Room 3

We are very excited to welcome Ms. Chasney back to our room! She returned on May 24<sup>th</sup> from her maternity leave. We are getting to know Miles and Ryann who recently joined our class. Zach moved up to Room 2. The babies have been enjoying the outdoors while sitting on a blanket. The grass, birds, and nature sounds capture the baby's attention. The babies experienced tummy time lying on top of huge exercise balls. This was a fun activity which reacted lots of smiles and laughter!

Thank you for a wonderful teacher appreciation week! We loved the book donations, notes, gifts, and food. It is great to have such supportive, encouraging parents to partner with.

**Miss Becca, Miss Cari, Miss Chasney, Miss Lindsey and Miss Margi**

## Room 4

Our music project continues. We spent some time focusing on number songs including "Five Little Ducks", "Ten in the Bed", "Five Green and Speckled Frogs", and "Five Little Monkeys". Our next group of songs will focus on vehicles, including a class favorite "Fire Truck", "Wheels on the Bus", and "Shiny Dinah". We were excited to receive a visit from a fireman (with room 1) as part of our fire truck week. Along with staying busy with our music activities we have been spending a lot of time outside. The water feature will be included in the outside fun the beginning of June (and we can't wait) our children have already spent some time playing in the water on our own playground. This month we say goodbye to Miles, Lauren and Audrey who join room 5. We welcome Jackson and Katelyn from room 2.

**Miss Emily and Miss Heather**



### Room 5

Welcome to all of our new friends. We are glad you are here. This month we will begin by talking about friends and our classroom. We will learn about our friends, clean up, how to use some of our toys and our daily schedule. After this, we will begin our project on outer space. We will be able to discuss the planets as well as weather.

We wanted to remind you about our water days. Classroom 5's water days are Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Please be sure to have your child's swim gear here at the beginning of the week. Thanks so much!!

**Miss Elena and Miss Samantha**

### Room 6

We feel that the transition for our classroom is going really well! So far, during the first week of June we have been focusing on getting to know each other. For the second week of June we will start planning for our new project, look for our new project web soon. There are some reminders; we do have water feature on Tuesday and Friday mornings, and thank you for having all swim gear here. Also here are the CDS's and support staff's working hours: Miss Tassia 6:30-3:00, Miss Erin 8-4:30 M,T,R,F, 9:30-6:00 Wed, Miss Taylor 9:30-6 M,T,R,F and Miss Kelsie 8-4:30 on Wednesdays. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to come and talk to us.

**Miss Erin and Miss Tassia**

### Room 7

Welcome to Room 7. We are excited to have a new Pre-K classroom here at Katie's Kids. What a great group of children! We have learned some social skills such as being good listeners and following directions. The children decided on the rules for our class. They did an awesome job! We are working on recognizing and writing letters in our own name as well as our friend's name. We have started our own calendar and weather graph. The Pre-K class is excited to learn how to write numbers on our very own calendar and become predicting meteorologists. We will continue to explore more about ourselves and each other during the coming month. Literacy, math and science will be our focus.

**Miss Cheryl and Miss Cathy**

### Room 8

Greetings from K-Club! We want to welcome everyone to our room! We would like to start off with a little about us. Krysta just graduated from ISU with a degree in ECE. Missy has worked here for 3 years and graduated from Heartland with a degree in ECC. We just started our "summer" project and will continue it until Kindergarten starts. We have really been working on a lot of large group times as well as smaller group activities. We look forward to getting to know you and your child! Please let one of us know if you have any questions.

**Miss Missy and Miss Krysta**

## School Age News

The School Age explorers are starting the summer out right. We began a recycling program to begin this summer's theme of Nature. Since the concept of nature is so large, we have narrowed it down. We have chosen to focus on conservation and global environmental awareness.

Through social engagement, we can achieve global awareness. Throughout the summer we will be learning about the natural world around us.

**Ms. Brittany, Mr. Jamison, and  
Ms. Jenny**

## Center Events

**Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

10am Summer Kick-off Concert

**Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Relay for Life Carnival  
10am-2pm

**Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

School Age Field Trip to ISU Farm

**Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Happy Father's Day!!

**Fri/Sat, June 25-26<sup>th</sup>**

Relay for Life Walk  
Noon-Noon

## Relay News

*Wow! Can you believe that the Relay for Life walk is just around the corner! June 25-26 at Normal Community West High School from noon to noon. Katie's Kids Kicks Cancer Relay for Life Team is looking forward to the big event coming up! We have planned our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carnival! Please join us on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00 in KKLC parking lot. It is \$5 per family, which includes bounce house, balloon animal artist, Racer Lisa Shickle and Race car, bicycle race, painting wall and much more. Food for purchase includes hot dogs, chips, cookies and Gene's Ice Cream! If you are interested in supporting the Team there is several ways you can do this:*

- *Volunteers to help at the carnival to set up, monitor games and clean up*
- *Need a few more items donated for the carnival*
- *We are selling Katie's Kids Kicks Cancer Relay for Life team T-shirts*
- *We need volunteers to walk at Relay*
- *We will be doing a Katie's Kids Family walk at 6:30pm at Relay*

*Please see the Front Desk for all the signs ups and donations. If you have any questions please see Megan room 1 or Becca room 3.*

*Thank you so much for all your care and support!*



## June Birthdays

### Children

Emma H. 6/8  
Jason P. 6/15  
Zach C. 6/17  
Gavin S. 6/17  
Audrey A. 6/18  
Allison Z. 6/20  
David Z. 6/20  
Carson S. 6/21  
Miles K. 6/22  
Brynley D 6/24  
Tanner D 6/24  
Chase D. 6/28

### Staff

Melinda 6/6  
Becca 6/8  
Tassia 6/11  
Elizabeth D 6/12  
Brittany 6/18  
Erin 6/27