



Center News Richmond Center



Hello and Farewell Dear Richmond Families!

This will be the last newsletter for this school year. The year has raced by at a super fast speed and now it is almost summertime! All of our children have grown a lot, and many of them are ready for kindergarten. It has been so much fun to prepare for the graduation event and we really enjoyed getting to know more about all of you wonderful families. I hope to see the returning students and their families for another exciting year after the summer.

I would like to encourage you to continue working with your young children during the summer to avoid "summer slide". Summer is the time that some children may lose academic skills (mostly math and reading) and experience a set back when they return to school in the fall. You may wonder, "What can I do about this?" We would suggest you to read to your children every day and encourage them to retell the story in their own words if they were not ready to read yet. Also, if possible, take your children to parks and museums as often as you can. At home, allow your child to help you with cooking by measuring ingredients, mixing and pouring etc. In addition, interact more with your children while cooking, such as discussing measurements like cup, teaspoon, and tablespoon etc. It would be wonderful if you could turn off the TV, and

instead, turn on some music to dance together with children. You can help children develop their language skills by teaching them to use adjectives and follow simple directions, to practice matching letters and rhyming words, and to organize things by size, color, shape etc. All of the above suggested strategies would help avoid the "summer slide", so that your child will be better prepared for school in the coming fall.

During this last month of school we will be mostly working with children to prepare them for the transition to kindergarten and we will guide the returning children to gradually take on leadership roles for the next school year. As the weather improves we will also organize more neighborhood activities and visit different playgrounds and go on nature hikes. We would like to invite you to come along and we might ask for your involvement a few days before the events.

Thank you all for giving us the opportunity to work with you and your children. They are very bright stars and will do well as they move up to kindergarten! Have a wonderful summer,

Site Supervisor

Brigitte Latouf



Dates to Remember:

- May 8th-Parent Meeting 8:45am
- May 17th- PC Meeting
- May 18th thru 24th - 2nd Parent teacher conferences
- May 25th - End of the year fieldtrip to Happy Hollow Park and Zoo in San Jose
- May 28th- No School, Memorial Day
- June 1st - Last Day of School