



Village News

June, 2009

Summer is Warm, Wet and Beautiful !

There's lots of outdoor news to share with you



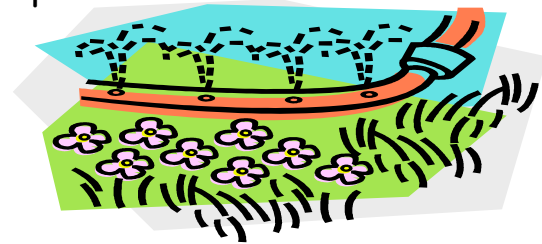
We are excited to be bringing a **Riverlink Class** to the Village for our pre-schoolers, "Going To The Ocean". Watershed education and awareness will be introduced with lots of guidance and hands-on experiences. RiverLink is a non-profit organization that develops environmental and educational programs, and works to beautify and clean up the French Broad River and its tributaries. They also have great **River Camps** during the summer months for our Villagers' older siblings.

www.RiverLink.org

Water Days start in June on Fridays, so get ready with your bathing suits, towels and your desire to get wet! *Water play is sooooo much fun.*

We are developing a new **outdoor area for infants** that is mulch free, so it's easier on that soft skin and not as inviting for tasting!

In addition, we are upgrading the **upper play and garden area** with more fenced in space and fun things to play with. Eventually we want to include some **picnic tables** in shady spots.



We are also working on designing some environmentally friendly & safe-for-your-health **water bottles** for our Villagers, so that they don't get thirsty outside in the warm summer months. We hope you will appreciate biodegradable bottles made from corn! Parents may want one too

BACK TO THE EARTH

And... Our Veggies and Flowers Continue to Grow



*Good job, Villagers !!
We can see all
those green
thumbs
developing*

Let's Go Fly a Kite

We found a great, very simple, and very aerodynamic kite that can be made from a piece of construction paper, some party streamer, a straw or a small wooden skewer, some string and a little scotch tape. We'll try to have some of our older Villagers make one, and we can make some for others. We'll keep our strings short, since we don't have a lot of tree-free areas for flying, but you can fly them in the park, and make more at home. *Ask our staff for a copy of the kite making directions*



Teacher News

Chad and Merideth are leaving for the summer, in order to take advantage of internship programs. They'll be back in the fall !

We have hired an additional teacher who is completing her early education degree and has years of experience. She is excited about working with children and passionate about teaching. Introductions soon !

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New Photo Board

We'll be putting up a new corkboard in the lobby, so that Villagers and their families can show off **interesting pictures from home**. It would be fun for all of us to see the nature, gardening and warm weather events that happen when we're not around!

Recommended Reading

Jack's Garden

By Henry Cole

A children's story book about Jack's backyard flower garden. Follow along with beautiful pictures



from seeds, to sprouts, to flowers blooming, to the insects, birds and pollinators that love them.

A Child's Garden: 60 Ideas to Make Any Garden Come Alive For Children

By Molly Dannenmaier

This is a guide for parents wishing to create natural spaces in their yard for children's safe exploration and creativity. Ideas about trickling water, insect creatures, private refuges, movement and make believe are shown in great pictures. Whimsical garden ornaments and benches are some of the more simple ideas, but many more elaborate ideas are included too for landscape enthusiasts.