



Village News

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Summer's End

September seems to mark the end of traditional summer, and the beginning of a



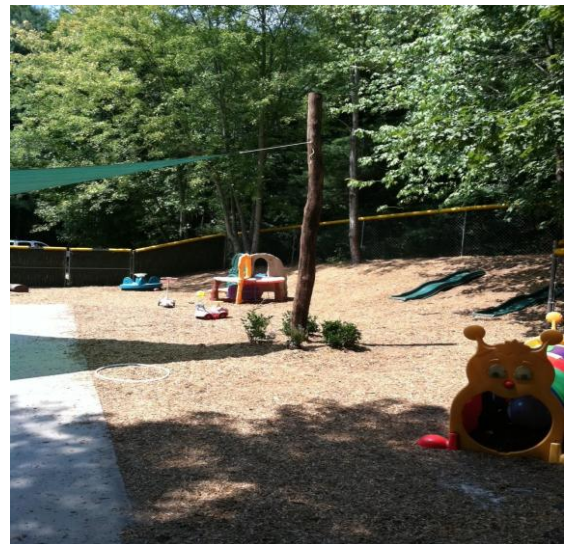
more structured and busy pace of living. We at the Village hope that

you and especially your little ones had the opportunity this summer for some free time and a few more self-initiated activities.

Child development specialists say that unstructured, even boring moments often lead to the discovery of one's own passions, interests, discoveries and inner resources. Without these moments, children will always be looking for external stimulation and entertainment.

We hope you all had some relaxing fun, and a few new discoveries!

Peace Pole



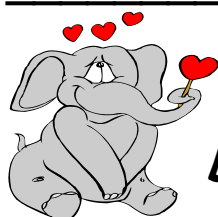
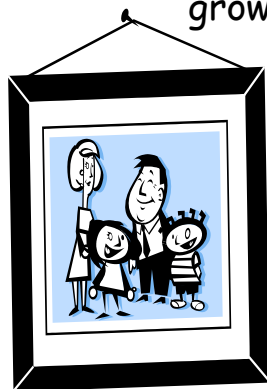
Please check out our new Peace Pole on the lower playaround! We're excited to add some shade sails to the peace pole soon and also plan to use this area to teach the children about harmony and community. From the website for The Peace Pole Project

(<http://www.peacepoleproject.org/>): *"When you plant a Peace Pole in your community you are linking with people all over the*

world who have planted Peace Poles in the same spirit of peace"

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to all of the new Bia Brothers and Bia Sisters around the village. We have so many growina families & want to sav conaratuations to all durina such a special time!



Don't Forget

Creative Villaae will be closed **Monday September 5th** for Labor Day

Thank You!

Thanks to all Villaae families for continuing to label all lunch items/drink containers with your child's name & date.

Also, remember to label extra clothing with your child's name, and please be sure we have plenty of extras in your child's cubby. We like to keep everyone in comfortable clothing for the changing weather, too, so please be sure we have some things that fit well.



Teacher Notes



Waddler Room

Hope everyone enjoyed the Family Luau day last Friday, as we celebrated the end of a great summer. We had a special mana'o snack & everybody loved it so much!

Fall is around the corner and we look forward to the cooler weather & learning about the changes of the season. We will have an art project soon with apples & we'll be talking about the colors of the leaves and the beauty of fall.

Please bring in family pictures for our walls if you haven't done so already. Our Waddlers are growing fast, so we like to have new and exciting pictures of their progress!

Happy Birthday to Kava who is turning 1 on September 7th!

Ms. Sarah is back at the villaae after being off for the summer, and she and Ms. Abby will be helping us in the late afternoons.

Thank you for all you do!

Ms Petra and Ms Donna

Toddler Room

It has been a great summer, and now we are looking forward to the fall. If your toddler finds an interesting natural fall object that is safe to share in our science center, we encourage you to bring it in, so we can talk about it.

This month, we are going to learn about animals, including farm animals, since the Fair is coming. We'll be talking about several different kinds of animals, including pets.

We won't be having water day on a

planned basis with the cooler weather on its way. We may sporadically have them, but there will be no routine day.

With the fall semester starting at UNCA we have a few changes in our classroom: Ms. Trisha & Ms. Krystal will still be in the classroom, but Ms. Krystal is also back at UNCA so she's varying mornings and afternoons throughout the week. Ms. Alison has been accepted into the Youth with a Mission program in Charlotte and will be moving near the end of September. We'll surely miss her but wish her well as she accepts such a great challenge!

Please help us welcome **Ms. Christine**-- she graduated in May from the University of Tennessee & comes to us with a strong background in early childhood education. Christine has also been involved with many other child and family programs during her college years, and we're very excited to have her on staff. Thank you!
Ms. Trisha, Ms. Christine & Ms. Krystal

Two's & Three's Room

Happy September, Village Parents!
Our little Villagers had a great time making leis and hula skirts for our End of Summer Luau. We created a Play Dough volcano and used baking soda and vinegar to make it erupt with red "lava". We learned all about tropical animals found in areas such as the rain forest. We practiced story building with our new felt board story "In the Deep Blue Sea" and practiced labeling our colors. We finished our Family Book and we appreciate all the family collages. The kids LOVE it and show their family members to each other every day.

Thank you, parents, for contributing to our school Luau. The kids had a yummy, healthy Hawaiian lunch, in keeping with each family's eating and nutrition

philosophies. Everyone enjoyed learning about the Polynesian culture.

This September is filled with fun and educational activities! We will begin the month with the letter A-is for Apples and follow with a farm theme, talking about the animals raised and the types of food grown. After farm week we will learn about healthy eating & the many ways to exercise and make our bodies strong.

We have a few reminders for parents:

-We are now using a red bin that is kept near the door. This is where any dirty or wet clothing will be kept in plastic bags and labeled for pick up. Please check this box at the end of the day.

-We are having cooler weather in the mornings so please remember to pack a jacket for our morning outdoor time.

-We have our treasure box, which the kids visit about twice a week. Any contributions are welcome! The kids love to earn little rewards & it's great to give them options!

Have a great September and as always, thank you for all your support!
Ms. Cassie and Ms. Gretchen

Pre-School Room

Dear Families

We can't believe the summer is coming to an end, and we would like to welcome Rayma to the butterfly classroom!

We had a month full of many adventures. We pretended to go on a camping trip and pretended to sleep inside of a tent in our classroom. We made a solar oven and roasted marshmallows with the sun! We used a cardboard box as a boat and caught magnetic fish. We rowed our boat to the ocean and saw sharks, tropical fish, whales and dolphins. We learned many scientific facts about sea life. For one of our art projects we invented and sculpted our own sea creatures. We sailed far and wide to

the tropical island of Hawaii and feasted and enjoyed a luau! Thank you for all of your contributions and support, it was lots of fun!!

Coming back to local NC, we chose new cubby labels that are local species of plants and animals. We are learning how these species are dependent on each other just as we are as a class. We are working on a tree height chart in the room to check out the children's height!

Please remember to wash your child's hands upon entry in the classroom. Please remember to sign in/out each day and initial next to the time. A reminder to please bring blankets each week for your child. Please remember to return your family collages to school.

We would like to thank Julia and Zach's family for contributing to our treasure box!! We are in need of a pair of headphones and a digital camera. If anyone has an extra that they would like to donate, we would love it!

This Friday, September 2, we are celebrating earning our community gems by having costume day! Children are welcome to arrive to school in their costumes, please bring a change of clothes.

We welcome with great pleasure Ms. Jessica as our afternoon helper - she is great with the children.

Thank you for all of your support!! Have a great month!

Ms. Kristine, Ms. Tara & Ms Jessica

AND, Thanks to our part time teachers who make this all possible, including Denise, Abby & our wonderful subs!

Jack Nasif's nanny Chevenne is also helping us as a sub now!



Welcome Ms. Jessica who is helping the preschool classroom in the

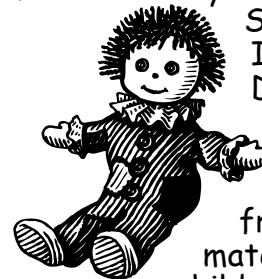
afternoons after teaching in Montreat over the summer. Also Ms. Sarah is back from summer break.

Recommended Reading:

Creative Play for the Toddler

By Christopher Clouder & Janni Nicol

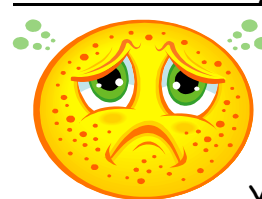
This book is a great resource for parents who are looking for ways to expand their children's creativity and imagination through play. Each chapter discusses different aspects of a child's growth within the two to four



year range, including Self, Imagination, Interaction and Discovery. Included are instructions for making 20 different toys

from natural materials to help children develop resourcefulness, originality, awareness and confidence. Although the Steiner/Waldorf philosophy inspired this book, *occasional non-natural materials, when convenient, still offer cool and developmentally appropriate play things!*

Glad Monster, Sad Monster:



A Book About Feelings

By Anne Miranda & Ed Emberley

Young children don't have the vocabulary to distinguish the emotions they are feeling. This book makes use of pull out masks to visually express feelings. Little, brightly colored monsters act out their feelings, including "glad", "sad", "silly" and "mad".

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