





## Hello and Good-Bye!

We have a lot of comings and goings during the summer months at R-LDCC! In July, the Honeybees welcome four new friends: **Quinn, Ava, Michael** and **Isabella**. They say, "Good-bye!" to **Riley**, who is moving with her family, **Peter** and **Viraaj**, who are moving to the Duckling room, and **Okech**, who will have some time at home with his family and return as a Duckling. 



The Ducklings are happy to welcome **Peter** and **Viraaj** from the Honeybee room, and **Emily, Jason** and **Ethan**, who are new to R-LDCC. They say, "So long!" to **Adrian**, who is staying home with his new baby brother for the summer, **Carrie**, who is moving with her family, and **Joshua, Michelle** and **Sara**, who are joining the Sunbeams.

The Sunbeams say a fond farewell to **Xavier** and **Theo**, who will be at home with their families, **Crystal**, who is going to camp, visiting her grandma and returning for Kindergarten in the fall, and **Maya** who is moving with her family. Before the end of July, they'll say, "Good-bye!" to Ben and Becca, too. The Sunbeams welcome former Ducklings **Haruna, Joshua, Michelle** and **Sara**, as well as **Ryan**, who is new to our Center. 

For all our new families, we're glad you're with us; we are all looking forward to a lot of fun and learning with you!! ☺ ☺ ☺

## We are Grateful:

\*to the R-LDCC Board and families, who sponsored the staff outing at, *Make It and Take It*; we had a great evening!

\*to all the families who attended the almost-annual Art Show in June!

\*to all the families who made sure the children were properly prepared for Mud Day/Sprinkler Day.

\*to Lucy, for the prisms, and Theo, for the child-sized shovels and sidewalk chalk, that they gave to the Sunbeams in honor of their respective fifth birthdays.

\*to Brian, for the fingerpaints and microphones given to the Honeybees in honor of his third birthday!

## This and That

We play outside every day, summer and winter. To protect your child from sunburn, please apply sunscreen at home in the morning (teachers will reapply for afternoon outdoor play as necessary) and bring in a sunhat or a cap with a brim.

R-LDCC will be closed on July 4 and 5 for the Independence Day holiday. We wish you a safe and fun holiday weekend. Happy birthday, USA!

R-LDCC is looking for testimonials from satisfied customers [hopefully that's you!] to put on our new, soon-to-be-launched website. If you'd like, jot down your thoughts about the care your child receives here, the teachers, what your child says, or the Center in general, and send them to [cheryl@rldcc.org](mailto:cheryl@rldcc.org).

*Our NAEYC reaccreditation process was completed with an all day on-site visit, yesterday. The assessor observed in each of our classrooms, checked the common areas and both playgrounds, and closely examined the portfolios that were prepared to document how R-LDCC meets NAEYC's 400+ criteria for high quality early childhood programs. All the information is now on its way to Washington, where it will be reviewed by a panel of early childhood experts. It could be several months until we are informed of their decision. You'll know as soon as we hear! While we can't know for sure what their decision will be, you can be assured that the teachers did R-LDCC proud, as always!*

## Sprinkler Days

Sprinkler Days have begun and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday morning through August. Look for some fun photos on your child's classroom's Phan-fare page. To help make sprinkler days enjoyable for everyone (children, parents AND teachers), please bring your child to the Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays:

- dressed & ready in a swim suit and watershoes or sneakers that can get wet [no open toes!]
- protected with sunscreen,
- with a tote bag packed with a change of clothes and a towel!



As you may well imagine, it can be quite hectic when 12, 18 or 24 children are changing from their bathing suits to their clothes after sprinkling! You can help make this a little easier for us and for your child by packing his/her towel and change of clothes [shirt, pants, underwear, shoes, socks] together in the bag. Your child will have everything needed in one handy place and can use the bag to bring home the wet bathing suit and water shoes. We still recommend that every item is marked with your child's name, and hopefully using the tote bag will reduce the number of missing things!



*Reminder: Breakfast is served at **8:30** in the Sunbeam and Honeybee rooms, and at **9:15** in the Duckling room. Children arriving after the scheduled breakfast time should have already eaten breakfast at home.*

*You are doing yourself, your child, the teachers and the other children a big favor by arriving in the classroom and saying your goodbyes before the transition from morning playtime to the breakfast table, or by coming in a little bit later, having already eaten breakfast at home.*

*R-LDCC's Board of Trustees—made up of parents of enrolled children and interested members of the community—will be looking for new volunteers in the fall.*

*If you're able to serve, consider making this commitment to your child's early education experience.*

## Welcome, Baby!

Congratulations are in order for the brand-new big brothers, **Xavier** and **Adrian** on the arrival of new little brother, **Julian**. Best wishes as well to mom, dad and big-big brother, Branden!

## Facebook Friends

If you're a Facebook user, be sure to "Like" our page, so you can stay informed of current events at R-LDCC.



Some of our "old friends" declined permission at enrollment for their children's photos to be used on Facebook. Now that you know us a little better, would you like to reconsider? Speak with Cheryl or Sue if this case applies to your family.