

JULY 2010

West Cobb Times

Announcing...

We are extremely excited to be able to announce the private school will be introduced to the Chinese Language beginning this fall. Also, we have added a new enrichment program– a soccer class for children ages 3 and older. We have added the Bracken test (as a pre and post test) for our Private Pre-K program. Those are just but a few of the accomplishments the management team has made in the month of June. This month, we will focus on a new format for lesson plans for Toddlers and Jr. Pre-School, scheduling field trips for the private school during the school term, painting classrooms, creating a new staff handbook and orientation book, ordering supplies and classroom items, while still continuing the day to day business of the center and the weekly Club Adventure field trips. It's going to be a busy month!

Ms. Marla

Open House

We would like to highlight the school in our neighborhood by holding an Open House on

Saturday, July 17th from 10a.m. to 1p.m.

This is a child-friendly event with a moonwalk, arts and crafts, and food so please join the fun.

Many of our teachers will be attending and showing their support of West Cobb.

We hope you will join us in making it a successful event by inviting friends, family and neighbors to see where your children attend school. And did you know West Cobb's referral fee program? If you refer a parent to our program, after 60 days you receive \$100 credit towards tuition! Just for sharing information about the school!

Based on feedback from the parent surveys, most families would recommend the school to others. Here's your chance.

Important August Dates

- 8/5– Cobb County Public Schools Begin
Private School Orientation from 7-8 pm
(childcare is not available)
- 8/9– Private School Begins
All teachers return to their normal classrooms and schedules for the school term.
- 8/12– Private School Etiquette Class
Spirit Night at Chick Fil A
- 8/24– Curriculum Night for the Entire School
From 6-7pm (childcare is available)

From the Desk of
Ms. Janira

Talk to your child(ren) about the upcoming 4th of July holiday. Teach them the importance of our country's independence. Sing with them the *Star Spangled Banner*. And most importantly, be safe and have a Happy Independence Day.

INFANT 1

We played bouncing games to encourage balance, bicycle movement games to encourage pre-crawling, and we read from our Language Program book to promote vocabulary and listening skills. We painted with both finger paint and stamp pads to stimulate our sense of touch and to promote visual acuity with color.

We waved goodbye to a friend who moved up to the next class and we welcomed Kaitlyn to our program.

Ms. Kelly

TODDLERS

In our circle time, the children are beginning to recognize many of the words on our flashcards! We are continuing to focus on manners- many of our children are able to ask for help and use courtesy words such as 'please' and 'thank you'.

And new this summer, we are truly enjoying our water day.

Ms. Arkeyshaw and Ms. Kelly

INFANT 2

This past month we have enjoyed outside play (especially the swings) and splashing the water during our very own water play activity. We have enjoyed working on our fine motor skills by picking up bits of the delicious food Ms. Dawn makes for us.

We love playing the uh-oh game and going on buggy rides (indoors or outside).

Ms. Laura and Mrs. Louisitha

JR. PRESCHOOL 2

We learned about Summer Fun and things we can do and play with at the beach. We also discussed 'Life in the Ocean'. The children loved learning about sea life and which creatures live under the sea.

We also learned more about Gardens especially which flowers and vegetables grow in gardens. We also learned that we need to care for our gardens for them to grow.

We focused on the letters A, B, and C and on triangles, squares and circles.

Mrs. Autumn, and Ms. Ericka

JR. PRE-SCHOOL 1

For our theme of colors we learned a new color each day for two weeks. We had fun exploring our senses with white shaving cream, finger painting with our favorite colors, and gluing and pasting colorful tissue paper. We learned the word for 'color' in sign language and in Spanish.

We are learning to identify Stars and Stripes in objects around us because it was our theme! We have made Star Prints with paint and construction paper. And of course, we have chosen the colors Red, White, and Blue as our focus!

Water Day has been so much fun. Not only are we having fun with the sprinkler but also playing with our water table, push carts and balls all while listening to silly songs! We love summer!

Mrs. Martha

SR. PRE-SCHOOL 2 & 3

We have talked about summer, sports and zoo animals this past month. We also explored the ocean and had fun playing sea animal charades. In math, we learned that the plus means to add a number onto another number and that the 'equals' means to add them together to get a new number. We are also learning to count to 50!

In writing, we have reviewed letters A-L. We practiced their sounds and we sang our 'Sound Song'. We have read alphabet stories and we circle the letter of the week in those stories- just to be sure we can identify the letters.

We have reviewed the following sight words: hot, pot, log, got has, as, his and pig. We are excellent blenders. In phonics, we started recognizing sh and th blends.

Summer would not be complete without some much needed fun! On the back page of this newsletter, you will find some of our children enjoying the use of the water park.

Ms. Tia and Ms. Erica

SR. PRE-SCHOOL 1

Now that all of our three year olds are together, we are using the rest of the materials from our Zoo-Phonics program that we had not used throughout the year. We are slowly learning uppercase letters. We are reviewing our letters and sounds and we read two zoo-phonics mini-books each week which help our beginning reading skills. Each of the books contain its own vocabulary word list. We are working on the spelling of our first names... which is something they will continue to focus on in the school year.

Ms. Tameka and Ms. LaTia



Happy Birthday!

Grace (Jr. 2)	7/1
Jaylen (Sr. 2)	7/6
Mrs. Bryan (Club 3)	7/11
Acire (Sr. 3)	7/12
McKinleigh (Jr. 2)	7/13
Shayna (Club 1)	7/15
Giselle (Club 1)	7/15
Mrs. Dee (Club 2)	7/19
Xavier (Jr. 1)	7/23
Symone (Tod)	7/25
Joshua (Club 3)	7/27

Happy Birthday to all!!!

CLUB ADVENTURE 1

During our academic time, we focused on Kindergarten handwriting skills such as writing titles, dates and putting our names in the right hand corner of our paper. We reviewed what Nouns are (names of people, places or things). We also reviewed what Verbs are. The children loved sharing their favorite action words!

The children elevated their math skills by reviewing Kindergarten math concepts and some have even begun looking at First Grade concepts!

The children loved the theme of 'All About Food'. They created club sandwiches, fruit salad, and garlic bread at the young chefs academy (see our picture below)

But in the month of June, their favorite field trip was the World of Coca Cola. They learned how Coke is made and how different countries around the world enjoy their own coke products. Tasting all of the different flavors was their favorite part of the trip.

Our class made their own puppets, class mural, and face masks during Theater week.

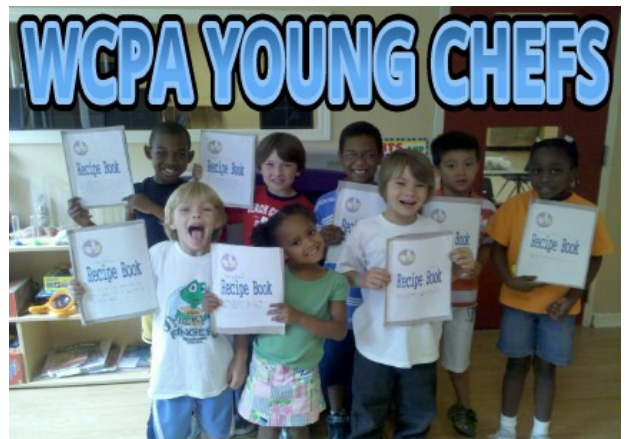
In July- we will be focusing on science experiments and learning more about verbs and pronouns.

Mrs. Victoria and Mrs. Wells



Culinary Arts Week

To the left, Club Adventure 1 at Young Chefs Academy. Below- Club Adventure 3 at the end of their week of cooking (and they made their own recipe book).





Here are Vivian and Natalia enjoying Water Park Days from our Sr. Pre-School classroom.



Club Adventure 2

We had 5 Different Adventures this month! During our theme of Passport Around the World we discovered Spain, Egypt and Australia! We enjoyed watching and listening to Tersi Bendiburg who told us Latin American Folktales. We learned about Bull Fighting and even made Egyptian Head-bands and bracelets. We also discovered where Australia is on a map!

During our Summer Olympics Theme, we read and watched The Tortoise and The Hare. We also learned about Ancient and Modern Olympics.

We thoroughly enjoyed going to the Center for Puppetry Arts during Performing Arts week.

Mrs. D and Ms. Andrea

Club Adventure 3

During Culinary Arts week our class became chefs. We studied the food pyramid... the new one and the old one. We created our very own recipe book (as highlighted on page 3) along with preparing our own 'dishes'.

During Summer Olympics week, we studied the history of the Olympics. We learned the symbol of the Olympics and learned about some of the games that the countries compete in. We also competed against each other in bowling on our field trip.

During Performing Arts week we created puppets, wrote a couple of plays and designed a class mural. The students enjoyed the field trip to The Center for Puppetry Arts where they saw a collection of Aesop's Fables.

During All About Atlanta week the children enjoyed learning about the city of Atlanta. The students all agreed that the field trip to the World of Coca Cola was the best so far.

Mrs. Bryan and Ms. Andrea



**WEST COBB WILL BE
CLOSED
Monday, July 5th for
the holiday.**