

## Reading Fun with Winnie the Pooh



Once again HCDC will be using a book club theme for our pre-school summer program. This year we will have summer reading fun by reading Winnie the Pooh books. I can't think of a better way to spend the summer than reading good books in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Research shows that reading with children is the single most important thing that can be done to help a child develop literacy skills.

Each week our Infants through PreK classes will "read, imagine and explore" a different Winnie the Pooh book. Special activities and visitors have been planned to fit the theme of the book of the week. This year's summer activity fee covers all of the special visitors, activities, parent workshop, and a special summer t-shirt! I am excited about all the special guests that we will have to extend our reading experiences.

Our Parent Workshop on July 19th is a free event that you will want to participate in. This week Winnie will be teaching us that each one of us has special talents. The workshop complements this week's reading theme by teaching parents about children's different "love languages." You can sign up for this event in July.

To extend our summer reading theme, our PreK Chapel each week will feature a different topic of how God expects children to react to simple childhood problems. Each week we talk about what bothers Pooh and discuss related stories in the Bible related to topics such as fibbing, sharing, and jealousy. Our scripture for this summer is Titus 2:6—Tell the young to have self-control in everything. (CEV).

### SUMMER ACTIVITY FEE

**\$12** *(no fee for Infants)*

Fee includes a Winnie the Pooh t-shirt, themed-visitors, & activities to enrich our book of the week!



To encourage parent/child reading, we will be having an internal reading club. Last year we had hundreds of family reading minutes reported! Reading to your child is a free activity that is a true investment into his/her educational future. Reading club information is on the last page of this publication. We will be awarding family reading certificates at our end of summer parties to those families that participate. We will also award "Blue Ribbon Reading Families" with a Winnie the Pooh book.

If you have a baby or T2 child at HCDC, we have special plans. HCDC's summer events will be modified to fit the unique needs within these classrooms. We will supplement these rooms with easy reading Pooh books and provide alternative activities on movie days. (As of 6/1/11, licensed programs cannot be expose children under the age of 2 years to TV/Movie viewing.)

[Here's to reading, imagining, and exploring together through books!](#)

Kristi Martin, Exec. Director

**Confirm summer participation with your child's teacher by April 9th to reserve their space for the summer.**

***Please drop your summer activity fee payment by the office by April 15th. It is fine to include this in your tuition payment. Accounts of students confirmed to attend our summer activities will be billed for their summer fee on Monday, April 18th.***

**We will open our Summer Preschool Program to the public on April 29th.**

# June



Winnie's Book of the Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>"The Grand &amp; Wonderful Day"</b> Chapel Book/Theme: Oh, Bother! Someone's Fighting	6 <b>A Visit from Winnie the Pooh</b> M/W PT/PS, N#3, Infants, and FT T's	7 T/TH PT/PS	8 M/W PT/PS	9 T/TH PT/PS	10 Full-Time PS & T3
<b>"How Does Your Garden Grow?"</b> Chapel Book/Theme: Oh, Bother! Someone Won't Share	13 Special Projects For Our Dads! & Classroom Gardens	14	15 M/W PT/PS Donuts W/Dad	16 T/TH PT/PS Donuts W/Dad 	17 FT/PS Donuts W/Dad
<b>"Where Did The Rain Puddle Go?"</b> Chapel Book/Theme: Oh, Bother! Someone's Messy	20 M/W PT/PS and Full-time PreK	21 <b>Live Piglets Visit HCDC</b> T/TH PT/PS, Infants, and FT Todds	22 M/W PT/PS	23 T/TH PT/PS	24 FT/PS
<b>"What Good Are Bugs?"</b> Chapel Book/Theme: Oh, Bother! Someone's Afraid	27 <b>Movie "Bug's Life"</b> M/W PT/PS and Full-time PreK	28 T/TH PT/PS and FT T3	29 Mini Inside Parade for M/W PT/PS Winnie will be our Parade Marshall	30 Annual Patriotic Parade	1 Class Picnics 

- To start our summer off, *Winnie the Pooh* will be visiting our classes!
- We will be planning Classroom bucket gardens this summer! We will have them on display out by our Infant Gazebo. I wonder what will grow?
- Donuts With Dad—Dads, bring your child this day and enjoy a special snack with him/her in our activity area. A special Father's Day gift will be waiting!
- This week we will be learning about evaporation AND have a visit with piglets. So, what better event than Mud Pie Splash Days. Please bring you child in their swimsuit and sunscreen on their assigned morning. . Please send a towel, undies, and plastic bag for wet clothes.
- June 29th our M/W Part-time Preschool classes will be having their own mini Patriotic Parade in the Great Hall at 9:30. Our M/W children are welcome to come back and walk the parade outside on Thursday as well!
- The morning of June 30th will be our annual outside Patriotic Parade! Families can wave at our parade starting at 9:30 in our West parking lot. Come dressed up in your patriotic finest! Lemonade and cookies will follow for our morning snack. Our M/W children are welcome to come back and walk the parade outside on Thursday as well!
- Winnie encounters bugs on his picnic. I wonder if we will too? On July 1st, your child to enjoy a class picnics outside. (*We will provide full-time children with sack lunches.*)

**PLEASE WATCH PARENT BOARDS AND CLASSROOM SIGNS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS**

# July



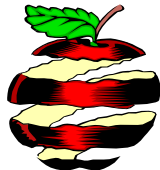
Winnie's Book of the Week		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>"Somebody's Treasure"</b> Chapel Book/Theme: Oh, Bother! Someone's Fibbing	<b>4</b> Closed For Holiday	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Trash To Treasure Art</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Trash To Treasure Art</i>	<b>8</b>
Treasure Hunts This Week!					
<b>"What Is That Rumbly In my Tummy?"</b> Chapel Book/Theme: Oh, Bother! Someone Isn't Listening	<b>11</b> Mary Canary's Edutainment Show "Sounds on the Farm" M/W PT/PS and Full-time PreK	<b>12</b> T/TH PT/PS and FT Tods	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Classroom Pancake Parties With Winnie the Pooh</b>					
<b>"How Do You Hop So High"</b> Chapel Book/Theme: Oh, Bother! Someone's Jealous	<b>18</b> <i>Discovering our Special Talents Week</i>	<b>19</b> Parent Workshop "Love Languages" 7:30-8:30 pm	<b>20</b> M/W PT/PS and Full-time PreK	<b>21</b> T/TH PT/PS and FT T3	<b>Bouncing Field Day with Tigger &amp; Texas Tumblers</b>
<b>"Does It Float"</b> Chapel Book/Theme: Oh, Bother! Someone's Grumpy	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> M/W PT/PS	<b>28</b> T/TH PT/PS	<b>29</b> FT/PS
<b>Build A Boat To Float Sink/Float Splash Days</b>					

- We are closed on Monday, July 4th due to the holiday.
- Treasure Hunt—What will we find? We will be going on an adventure on our campus to seek treasure.
- Sounds, Sounds, Sounds—We have a special visitor on July 11/12th. Professional clown & edu-tainer, Mary Canary, will bring Winnie's puppet friends to do a special performance centered around "sounds."
- Winnie forgets to eat the pancakes he made for breakfast and his tummy starts making sounds. It sounds like a great time to have a Pancake Party for snack!
- Participate in our free parent workshop where you will learn about your child's individual "Love Language." Watch for more information.
- July 22nd will be our own HCDC Field Day provided by Texas Tumblers and Tigger. Parent volunteers are welcome to help us with this fun event. All Part-time preschool children that are not enrolled on Fridays are welcome to participate with a parent chaperone.
- Splash Days—Lather your child up with sunscreen and send them in their swimsuit under their clothes for this event. Please send a towel, undies, and plastic bag for wet clothes.

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# August

Winnie's Book of the Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>"You're The Best"</b> Chapel Theme: <i>Oh, Bother! Be Happy</i>	<b>Turn In Family Reading Log</b>				
	<b>1</b> <b>Movie "The Book of Pooh"</b> M/W PT/PS and Full-time PreK	<b>2</b> <b>Movie "The Book of Pooh"</b> T/TH PT/PS and FT T3	<b>3</b> <b>End of Summer Parties</b> M/W PT/PS	<b>4</b> <b>End of Summer Parties</b> T/TH PT/PS	<b>5</b> <b>End of Summer Parties</b> Full-Time PS
	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>PS/CC Transition Week—PT/PS Is Closed Until Aug 22nd</b>					
"Meet Your Teacher" Day & Parent Orientation 3:30—5:00	<b>15</b> <b>First Day of HCDC's Fall Preschool/ Child Care</b>	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>22</b> <b>First Day M/W PT/PS</b>	<b>23</b> <b>First Day T/TH PT/PS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>

- We will end our summer reading fun program with one of Winnie's favorite activities, a talent show party! Winnie the Pooh will be visiting our parties to make this a special event! Sign up to bring special goodies to make this a festive last day of our summer reading adventure!
- Don't forget to bring your Family Summer Reading Log to class during the last week so that we can issue your family certificate.

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August 14th is "Meet Your Teacher Day" for the fall.  
 This day is valuable in helping your child transition into their new class.

# HCDC's Parent/Child Summer Reading Club



Because parent/child literacy experiences are so valuable to a child's development, we are sponsoring a summer reading club. All you have to do is read to your infant, toddler, or PreK aged child and log in the minutes on your reading club sheet. Bring your log sheet the morning of the reading celebration parties on August 1st & 2nd and your family will receive an special family reading certificate to match the level of reading you accomplished together this summer

## What is so good about reading to children?

Reading to your child is the single most valuable thing you can do.

### Why?

- It gives the experience of different types of language, rhythms and sounds.
- Research shows that pre-school children who are exposed to plenty of language (books and conversation) tend to do better at school.
- It teaches about many topics which wouldn't come up in conversation.
- It is a wonderful way to bond with your child.
- It is very calming.

New research has surfaced saying that parent-preschooler reading is related to an 8% increase in outcome measures such as language growth, emergent literacy, and reading achievement over children that are not read to by their parents.

INF/TOD READING GOAL	CERTIFICATE LEVEL
200 FAMILY MINUTES (Equals less than 22 min. a week for the nine weeks.)	Yellow Ribbon Certified Reading Family
400 FAMILY MINUTES (Equals less than 7 min. a day for the nine weeks.)	Red Ribbon Certified Reading Family
600 FAMILY MINUTES (Equals less than 10 min. a day for the nine weeks.)	Blue Ribbon Certified Reading Family

PREK READING GOAL	CERTIFICATE LEVEL
300 FAMILY MINUTES (Equals less than 33 min. a week for the nine weeks.)	Yellow Ribbon Certified Reading Family
500 FAMILY MINUTES (Equals less than 8 min. a day for the nine weeks.)	Red Ribbon Certified Reading Family
700 FAMILY MINUTES (Equals less than 12 min. a day for the nine weeks.)	Blue Ribbon Certified Reading Family

All "Blue Ribbon" reading families will receive a Winnie the Pooh book!

