

# CREATIVE DAY SCHOOL

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## Celebrating Friendship

July 30<sup>th</sup> is the International Day of Friendship, and it is a great day to spend some time talking to your children about what it means to be a friend. More and more children today are relocating more frequently, or they live in areas where new families move in on a regular basis, so having this skill becomes even more important than in times past.

Helping your children to learn how to be good friends is a lifelong skill your children will be able to use. Being a good friend isn't always intuitive or easy for children, but with some guidelines and help from parents, grandparents, and teachers, kids can learn how to meet new people and be great friends.

### Talk About Friendship

Talking to kids about friendship is important and can start very early, even before children are going to school. Typically, most kids and parents will agree that a good friend:

- Is supportive and encouraging
- Is honest and trustworthy
- Helps when the other person is sad or has a problem
- Is someone you like to share things with and that shares with you
- Is fun to be around and makes you feel good about yourself
- Is someone who likes to do things you also like to do

By talking about these qualities in a friend you can also help the child to learn how they can also embody these qualities.

### Set up Play Dates

Parents can set up play dates for their children and structure activities to encourage friendship development skills. Games that encourage collaboration and cooperation rather than competition are great ideas. Creative activities and those that give the children a task to complete by working together and talking to each other are also simple and easy but also a lot of fun.

For example, you may want to give the kids several different items such as a ball, a skipping rope, a Frisbee and a set of sidewalk chalk and have them develop a new game using all the items. The kids can work together to develop the game, then teach it to other kids and have everyone play together.

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## Monthly Joke

### If Only Life Were More Like the Movies

Movies can teach us many things about the world. Here are some amazing facts you'd never know if you limit yourself to real life:

- If you're being chased, you can almost always hide in a parade that happens to be passing by, no matter what time of year it is.
- The Eiffel Tower can be seen from any window in Paris.
- No police investigation gets anywhere until the lead detective is given 48 hours to solve it or get suspended/fired.
- All bombs come with large electronic readouts that display exactly how many seconds you have left to disarm them before they go off.
- In a dark room, lighting a single match will provide enough light for you to see everything.

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## Take A Look at What We Are Doing...

### This month's theme is: "Summer Fun"

- **Infants:** During the month of Summer Fun, the infants will have sensory ice play and a toy car wash for their water play. One of our outdoor activities will be bubble blowing and we will add music and movement by using colorful scarves. The art projects for the month will be sailboat footprints and crab handprints.
- **Toddlers:** The toddlers will be continuing the exploration of water by exploring the beach. The children will learn about the different types of fish and other animals found in the ocean. We will also look at the different types of coral reefs and shells found at the beach. The toddlers will continue working on their number and colors.
- **Twos:** We will be talking about the things that are found at the beach, like sand, jelly fish, and other things that live in the water. We will talk about how sand feel and about seashells. The twos will learn about water safety by wearing life jackets and using floats when in the water. Also, we'll continue to work on our colors, letters, sorting by size, singing songs & fingerplays. We will also continue working on our shapes, numbers, working on the alphabet cards, and recognizing the letters in our first name. The color we will use for the month will be blue & red and will talk about healthy foods in those colors.
- **Threes:** This month, we will be discussing the Fourth of July/Independence Day and what it means. We will also be talking about fireworks, parades, and cook-outs with family and friends. We will be talking about going on summer vacation and imagine where you would like to go and what you would like to do there. Summer fun, here we come!
- **Fours:** We are taking a project fun approach. This empowers the children to direct their learning, based on their interest through authentic experiments and activities. We will challenge the children to use their imaginations, create their own solutions, and investigate themes as they facilitate and guide the learning process. We also will have an interesting field trip to CiCis this month, where we learn how to make pizza & create our own to eat. Fun summer!
- **After-schoolers:** Happy Freedom Day! What does that mean? Our theme for this month is a brain teaser. This means we are going to be doing a lot of thinking and problem solving. Bricks for Kids will be coming to visit our center. This will challenge our kids and have fun while doing it. We will be making crafts as well. The schoolage teachers want to thank our parents for their support during our fundraiser.



### Happy Birthday!

July 2 Jocelynn July 14 Jade  
July 5 Micah July 14 Jaleah  
July 8 Dakota July 16 Nikky  
July 12 Dakylan July 16 James  
July 13 Abby July 21 King  
July 13 Jonah July 28 Siler  
July 13 Travion July 30 Damauri



### Center News:

**Lego Bricks 4 Kidz is coming to Summer Camp on July 12<sup>th</sup>!**

#### Field trip dates

##### Young A/S

Cici's Pizza July 1  
Movies July 16  
Dan Nichol's Park July 24

##### A/S 1

Movies July 18  
Dan Nichol's Park July 26

##### A/S III

Movies July 17  
Dan Nichol's Park July 23



We will include discussions about our good health & hydration as a part of nutrition activities.

#### Parent Questions and Answers:

*Question: Will CDS drop-off and pick up my child from summer tutoring at school?*

**Answer:** No, our transportation for schools are over until the new school year begins again.