

# CREATIVE DAY SCHOOL

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## Summer Learning for Easy Back to School Transitions

The summer is a wonderful time for children and parents to have fun, enjoy the great outdoors, and spend some time away from the daily routine of school. However, by incorporating some activities and structured learning opportunities parents can help kids to stay sharp and to avoid losing some of the learning they accomplished in the past school year.

It is estimated by the National Summer Learning Association that children can lose as much as two months of grade level equivalency in math over the summer, and many children also struggle more with reading in the fall. In addition, children of all grade levels score worse in September on the same test given before the end of the previous school year. Parents can completely avoid this by encouraging their children to both keep reading as well as to keep using their math skills.

Some simple ways to keep math, problem-solving and reading as part of the summer routine includes:

- Set a daily reading time for the whole family. This can be 20 minutes or more a day when everyone reads without interruption and exception. Modeling reading is one of the most important factors in developing an appreciation for reading for your children.
- Incorporate math into activities including measuring for cooking (fractions), making purchases (addition and subtraction), and flash card drills for all operations as well as other types of daily math activities.
- Kids can be given a math activity page and be provided with points for completion and correct answers. You can choose to give stickers or points. Even more fun is to have the points build up to a grand total and the family goes together on a picnic, to the zoo, or any other interactive type of event.
- Encourage children to write stories about their summer events, or to create small chapter books they can share with siblings and friends. They can draw, color and decorate the books, and they can become treasured keepsakes.

There are also some great free resources online that offer games by grade levels. Fun websites for math include [www.mathplayground.com](http://www.mathplayground.com) and [www.softschools.com](http://www.softschools.com).

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## Tech Tips to Help Declutter Your Home

Everyone feels the need to have a spring cleaning (even if it isn't spring) of their home every now and again, and get rid of some of the clutter that naturally builds up over the course of our lives, but there is also a way that technology can help with that process. One method of using tech to get rid of some of the clutter in your home is to digitize any user manuals you may have. Rather than keeping hard copies that fill up file folders and drawers, just download a digital version from the internet. They can be saved on your computer and/or in a cloud, and the physical copy can be tossed.

Another good tip is to change your desk to one that has been constructed with technology in mind. These modern desks have been made specifically to hide much of the gadgetry used in today's world, and make everything look a lot neater and tidier.



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

### This month's theme is: "All About Me"

- **Infants:** We will engage in activities that relate to the body like nose, fingers, toes, mouth, and more. These activities will include songs, nursery rhymes, finger-plays and reading books. We will sing and make up songs describing the baby's actions while teaching them new words.
- **Toddlers:** As we learn "All About Me", we will see the importance of each and every child as an individual. We will also be touching on the subject of each child's family and culture. Showing that everyone is different but also everyone is special in their own way. We will be using teaching about body parts such as 'these are my eyes', 'these are my nose', and more. It is going to be a fun month of learning about each other and the self-importance of each child.
- **Twos:** We will be gaining new students this month. We will be asking parents for photos of the family. We will learn about each person as an individual. We will work on colors, sorting, patterns, and count. This will be a new experience for some of our children and a continuation for others. We are excited about our new friends joining us for the year!
- **Threes:** We will use our theme to learn different things about each other. We will include our five senses in our studies and we will also continue working on name, color, and number recognition. Our nutritional study will include "our" favorite healthy snacks and why they are good for our bodies. We will practice the word "me" in Spanish and in sign language.
- **Fours:** This month, we will be reminding parents to create family boards to represent students in the classroom. We will be discussing different cultures and beliefs. In group discussions, we will discuss our differences and similarities, while learning new information about different families. We will start back working on and identifying our alphabets and our colors.
- **After-schoolers:** We will be discussing the different rules and regulations that promotes school safety. We will also get to know each other with the theme "All About Me". The students will write a bio about who they are, their hobbies, favorite food, and more. We will also discuss the importance of staying healthy and being active by using our theme "Getting Fit". We will enjoy healthy snacks and discuss how to make healthy choices. We will also engage children in relay outdoor activities to keep our bodies healthy and fit.



### Happy Birthday!

Aug 8 Kelise      Aug 20 Bailee  
Aug 15 Laila      Aug 26 Jaycion  
Aug 17 Kendra    Aug 27 Ayxha  
Aug 18 Jeremiah Aug 29 Miracle  
Aug 19 Malaysia

#### Staff Birthday:

Ms. Mary August 14<sup>th</sup>  
Ms. Melissa August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Ms. Edna August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Ms. Anne August 30<sup>th</sup>

### Center News:

Our afterschool classes will be going on a trip to the bowling alley. Time and date will be posted. Parents, please sign permission forms!



Our nutritional activities will include our favorite healthy snacks to go along with our "All About Me" theme.

#### Parent Questions and Answers:

*Question:* Can my child come to CDS during the Kindergarten staggered days?

*Answer:* Yes, the center allows for the children to be here full days until school is in session full-time for Kindergarteners.