

NOTES FROM CINDIE ...

Dear Parents,

It is that time of year again. Move Up Day is just around the corner. The children will be moving on to new and bigger things. They will learn new skills, new words, new concepts and knowledge along with becoming a little more independent.



All of our teachers are ready to help the children reach their full potential and develop a love of learning by engaging in hands on activities that are both challenging and fun. Math, Language, Science, Social-Emotional Development, Physical Development and more take place every day and within the activities that are planned.

When you walk into the classroom, it may appear that the children are “just playing”, but if you look deeper, you will see that there is so much more happening there. We believe that hands on activities engage the “whole” child in many areas of learning at once. When building with blocks, several domains are developing. The children are using imagination to “see” what they want to build. Planning how many blocks are needed uses math and geometry. Stacking and restacking, when the blocks fall, teaches perseverance and problem-solving skills. Feeling proud of their “building” instills positive self-confidence and the willingness to try new things and reach for a higher goal next time. Working with another child teaches team work, cooperation and negotiation skills. Helping friends teaches empathy and compassion. As the saying goes, “Play is children’s work”.

With that being said, I would like to remind everyone to please have your children arrive to their classrooms by 9:30 am so that they will be able to fully participate in the daily activities including important activities like circle time and morning outside time. Each classroom has a unique routine and schedule. All the teachers are happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please take time over the next two weeks to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers. We are all excited for the next steps for your children and can’t wait to share with you in their discoveries.

From myself and the entire SHECC Staff, we hope that you have a Safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!

Blessings,

Ms. Cindie