

## June 2019 Newsletter



### Children's Lighthouse

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Dear Parents,

Summer is here and so is the sun! Sunscreen may be brought to school for us to apply to your child before their afternoon playground time. We ask that sunscreen be applied prior to arriving at school for morning playground time. All sunscreen must be labeled with the child's first and last name (we suggest using masking tape) and signed in on our sunscreen form. If you have any questions about this procedure please ask at the front desk.

Thank you,  
Lisa Tate, Director



### Pre-K Graduation

*Mark your calendars now!*

**Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm**

Hill Country Nazarene Church



All graduates will receive an invitation with more details prior to the event. We are looking forward to celebrating all of their learning!

**Splash pad days start Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>!**



**eX-S.T.R.E.A.M.**  
**SUMMER CAMP 2019**



Our summer camp program is full!

Summer fun starts Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>! If you haven't completed your field trip packet please stop at the front desk.

### Dates to Remember

View our online calendar at:  
<http://www.childrenslighthouse.com/cedarpark/>

#### June 6<sup>th</sup>

National Yo-Yo Day –  
can you yo-yo?

#### June 7<sup>th</sup>

National Chocolate  
Ice Cream Day

#### June 11<sup>th</sup>

National Corn on the  
Cob Day

#### June 13<sup>th</sup>

Hat Day – wear your  
favorite hat today!

#### June 16<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Father's Day**

#### June 18<sup>th</sup>

International Picnic  
Day

#### June 21<sup>st</sup>

**PAJAMA DAY**

#### June 27<sup>th</sup>

National Sunglasses  
Day

#### Reminder:

Thursday, **July 4<sup>th</sup>** –  
Children's Lighthouse  
will be closed for  
Independence Day

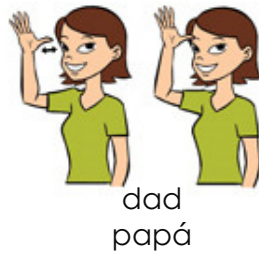
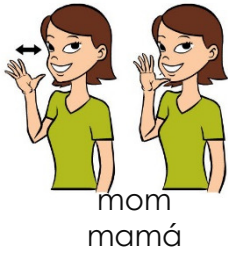


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## June Character Value

**courage** – we try new things

## June Sign Language & Spanish



## June Classroom Themes

*Infants: Mommies and Daddies*

*Toddlers: My Family*

*Preschool & Pre-K: eX-S.T.R.E.A.M.*

*School-Age: eX-S.T.R.E.A.M. Summer*

**“Play is the work of childhood.”**

-Mr. Rogers

## The Importance of Outdoor Play

The outdoors is the very best place for children to practice and master emerging physical skills like running, leaping, jumping, and balancing. It is also the most appropriate area for the practice of ball-handling skills, like throwing, catching, and striking. Children can also perform manipulative skills such as pushing a swing, pulling a wagon, and lifting and carrying movable objects.

### Outdoor Play Contributes to Learning

The outdoors offer more than just physical benefits. Cognitive, social, and emotional development are impacted, too. Outside, children are more likely to invent games. As they do, they're able to express themselves and learn about the world in their own way. They feel safe and in control, which promotes autonomy, decision-making, and organizational skills. Inventing rules for games promotes an understanding of why rules are necessary. Although the children are only playing to have fun, they're learning:

- Communication skills and vocabulary (as they invent, modify, and enforce rules)
- Number relationships (as they keep score and count)
- Social customs (as they learn to play together and cooperate).

### Learning to Appreciate the Outdoors

Preschoolers learn many things through their senses. Outside there are many different and wonderful things for them to see (animals, birds, and green leafy plants), to hear (the wind rustling through the leaves, a bird's song), to smell (fragrant flowers and the rain-soaked ground), to touch (a fuzzy caterpillar or the bark of a tree), and even to taste (newly fallen snow or a raindrop on the tongue).

Outdoor play is an essential part of our learning program and is intentionally scheduled for each age group, from infants to after-school. Our lesson plans are designed to incorporate learning outside, educating the whole child.