



Kids of Destiny

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Graduation 2016

What a wonderful celebration for our graduates! Our theme was.... The more you know, the more you grow! We certainly did grow in the amount of family and friends that attended this year. The weather was beautiful and our graduates were excited.

The staff really outdid themselves with the preparation and decorations. A special thanks to Ms. Lisa for taking my vision and making it a reality!



II Peter 3:18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Breakfast with Dad – “A man of strength”

Our second annual Father’s Day breakfast was a huge success (if I say so myself)! The dads had an opportunity to hear about what it means to be a man of strength. Pastor Beckham (Amara’s grandfather) shared from Ephesians 6:10 – “Putting on the full armor of God”. He talked about how as humans we think that we are strong, but there is a choice that needs to be made. Either we operate in human strength which has limitations or God’s strength which has no limits!

Following Pastor Beckham, the dads were given a chance to share with each other regarding the strong male influences in their lives. The dads reflected on

Upcoming Events

July 4– Independence Day – School Closed.

July 5 – Summer hours begin -7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

July 7 – Happy Birthday
Ms. Lisa!

July 8 – Permission Slip and Money due for all summer trips/activities!

Grow NJ Kids Update

A brief meeting was held with our Quality Improvement Specialist on Thursday, June 23rd. She informed us that our request for classroom material and furniture was going to be submitted to the state on June 24th. Once we receive these materials, the Specialist will assist us in setting up the environment in preparation of the Program Rating in late September.

To date, no decision has been made in terms of the 3-4 day curriculum training. However, some of the staff will participate in a 5 hour online training for Infant/Toddler and Preschool environmental scales. These trainings will also help prepare us for the Rating.

Will continue to keep you posted!

character traits and how they have impacted their life as men and as fathers. We concluded the morning with a craft and a photo session with their children. So very grateful for the strong dads here at Kids of Destiny!!

Sesame Place

So much fun at Sesame Place. The rain held off and we were able to get on rides and see the shows. For those who were brave, they took a chance in the cold water at the water park. It was a fun time for all!



Summer Themes

Weekly themes include: All about me Animals Camping Carnival
Community Helpers Hawaiian Week Lost at Sea VBS Sports.

We will request supplies from home to help make each week exciting and fun for the children! Parents are always welcome to share ideas and volunteer to help in the classroom.

To keep the cost low, the local transportation to the movies and bowling will be provided by the staff. You must give written permission for your child to be transported by staff to area locations. Only the Three's, Pre-k and Summer Camp students will attend the local trips. Children must have a car seat or booster seat. Insurance has been secured for staff transport. All other trips will be transported by Hillman Bus Co.

See permission slip and summer calendar for locations and activities.

Playground Update

Pennies for Our Playground along with parent/grandparent donations, has helped towards our goal for the Tot Tree. We need to raise approximately \$450.00 more towards the purchase of the new playground equipment. Thanks for the donations and support!



Parent's Corner

Summer safety tip - Water Safety!

Adult supervision is of extremely important. Focus needs to be on the children 100% of the time. No distractions! Remember, no child or adult is "drown proof."

Keep in mind that children can drown in many different water sources including: bathtubs, toilets, buckets, baby pools, backyard swimming pools, community pools, streams, creeks, lakes, rivers, oceans and other places. **Enjoy the summer and be safe!**

Attendance

Please call the center whenever your child will be absent or late. We are required to document any absences due to illnesses.

If your child is out sick due to a communicable disease, call as soon as you receive the diagnosis. The sooner we know, the sooner we can advise the other parents.

Nutrition

The Pre-K class are doing a Fruit & Vegetable challenge. Each day, the children count to see how many have a fruit, vegetable or both. They document the number on their bulletin board. Continue to promote healthy eating and assist the Pre-K class with their challenge.