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Dear Families,

It's time to get ready for summer! Our lifeguard is hired. Sometimes the pool is blue. Extra teachers are hired for the Mountain Lion class. We're ready! This newsletter is full of information for the summer – please read it carefully and ask if you have questions.

As you know, we love to tout the benefits of being at Outer Limits. We know the value of a high quality early childhood experience and love that you bring your children each day. Of course, there is one thing better than preschool..... spending quality time with family! We have had a lot of children here 11 hours a day recently. Eleven hours is a long time to be at preschool. We strongly encourage you to arrange your schedule so your children are here 7-10 hours a day and use the remaining hours to play games, go to the park and eat a family meal. You will be glad you did – our children grow up way too fast!

If you haven't been with us before in the summer, there are a few things you can expect. One, you can expect us to increase the amount of water play. Two, you thought we got messy before? Just wait for the summer! Three, our Mountain Lion class will start taking field trips to exciting locations around town. Lastly, class swim and swim lessons will begin.

We will begin our class swim for the Mountain Lions on Tuesday, May 31st. (We are closed May 30th for Memorial Day.) The Mountain Lion class will swim everyday in the afternoon. The Gecko, Coyote and Roadrunner class classes will swim Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The Owl class will swim Tuesday and Thursday. Our Javelina, Cottontail and Quail classes will not be able to participate in the class swim. Class swim is intended to be safe, fun and refreshing. We will have a certified lifeguard and your child's teachers at the pool during swim time. Although children will not receive swim lessons during this time, we will discuss pool safety at length and you should expect their comfort in the water to improve. We take water safety very seriously and only permit children in the pool who listen well and follow each safety rule. This swim program costs \$35 for the summer for preschool children and is included in the weekly \$11 activity fee for Mountain Lions.

Children participating in the class swim must bring in a swim suit and towel each day. We also suggest bringing sandals to wear back and forth to the pool. **We actually ask that preschool children come dressed in their swim suits each swim day and bring underwear and shorts to change into after swimming.** This will help us immensely! As you can imagine, getting a class of young children changed and sunscreen applied is a huge task. You can simplify this task by doing the following:

1. Send the clothes to be changed into to school in a bag.
2. Label the bag and all clothes your child wears on swim days – this includes swim suit, towel, shirt, socks, underwear, shorts, and dresses.

**We will be closed May
30th for Memorial Day!**

**We will be closed July 4th
for Independence Day!**

3. Did we mention to label everything? Our teachers are not magicians. When your children leave their clothing throughout the classroom the only thing that saves us is when **kind, thoughtful and generous parents** have taken the time to label their child's clothing. ***Please!***
4. Be patient if something turns up missing. We try extremely hard to ensure nothing is lost, but, we know something will be misplaced at some point. Accept our apology in advance. ***Please!***

There is a swim permission form attached to this newsletter. Please sign and return. Your signature will give your child permission to swim and for us to apply sunscreen. We will use our own sunscreen – please do not send any to Outer Limits, however, we do ask that you apply sunscreen prior to coming each day.

We will start swim lessons the week of June 6th. All children two and older are able to sign up for swim lessons. Swim lessons will cost \$45 for 4 weeks of lessons. They will be 25 minutes long and occur 2 times per week. Depending on the child's age and ability, class sizes will range from 6-8 children with 2 instructors. Please ask us for the lesson registration form if you are interested.

Let's Review.....

Classroom

Cottontail, Quail, Javelina
Owl
Gecko
Coyote
Roadrunner
Mountain Lion

Swim Time

Not Available
Tuesday and Thursday @ 9:30
Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 9:45
Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 10:30
Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 9:00
Everyday in early afternoon

Swim Lessons

Available to all children in Javelina, Owl, Gecko, Coyote, Roadrunner and Mountain Lion classes. We typically schedule them for Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 2-5 year olds and Monday and Wednesday before lunch for Mountain Lions.

As the school year winds down we are happy to arrange conferences with your child's teacher to discuss how the year went. Please let us know if you are interested in this and we will coordinate a time that works for all of us.

Please remember to walk your child all the way to his/her classroom. This is important to ensure their safety and to give you a chance to check in with the classroom teacher. Please also remember to say good-bye to your child's teacher at the end of the day and ensure she/he sees you leave.

Lastly, a reminder that we close at 6:30. We expect children will be picked up so that we can close the doors at 6:30. Our teachers have families, school, and life away from work – just like you do. Please be sure to come on time – we have had too many late pickups recently and we hope you will ensure an on time pick up from now on.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us each day. We're looking forward to a fantastic summer. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Debbie & Bill