



## Dear Families and Caregivers,

Happy Summer! I hope you are settling in to summer time schedules and enjoying all of the events that Ithaca provides for families. We are doing the same at DICC. There are many activities taking place through field trips, walks, pool time, special events and more. We are preparing for our DICC very special event that takes place in August. **SAVE THE DATE** for our **SUMMER FUN BASH - SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH**. It is an all day event and fundraiser for our community. We have a committee of staff and board members working on it now. We would love to have families help us. Please let me know if you are interested. We need you! It is a great opportunity for us to all come together to support DICC. It is all about fun, food, music, dance, games, fundraising and overall unity and support. Look for more communication about this!

I hope you had a productive parent/teacher conference in June. It was nice to see those of you who participated. For those who could not work out a time, please have those important conversations with your child's teachers. It is exciting to hear all about their progress and growth as well as areas to develop and nurture. I am always pleased to see the ongoing talks, check in's and relationships each day at DICC. Our partnerships are both essential and gifts for teaching and learning in all aspects of the children's lives - home, center and community connections.

Thanks for all you do and I look forward to seeing you at the August Summer Fun Bash!

Enjoy, Denise

## This Month We Celebrate...



# WELCOME

Have you noticed new faces? We are always welcoming new little ones to DICC. With summer comes the graduating and farewell to preschoolers, the welcoming of school-age kids for summer camp and the addition of new interns to each of our classrooms. As our DICC family grows for these sunny months greet the new faces and thank them for joining us.



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# dates to Remember

Tues, July 4	<b>CLOSED</b> Independence Day
Mon, July 17	DICC Board Meeting
<b>Sat, AUG 5</b>	<b>SUMMER FUN BASH</b> *Watch for details*

## IT'S SUMMER!!

All children should have the following with them everyday for the summer:

Swim Suit and Towel

Water shoes or Crocs (please no flip flops)

A pair of socks and sneakers (for safe play at parks & the backyard)



## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Blue Room

We are exploring a lot of sounds lately. What sounds can you make?? Can I repeat them? Can you repeat them? We are also using lots of sensory bottles filled with different things that make loud and soft noise. The babies are also enjoying trips outside.

### Butterfly Room

The waddlers are developing our fine and gross motor skills. We enjoy fine motor activities like putting corks into pool noodles and mess free painting in Ziploc bags. They also have been developing their gross motor skills with climbing and sliding in the baby arbor and local playgrounds.

### Firefly Room

What happens to the bubbles in the water table? If you squish them you can always make more! We are reading lots of books and having talent shows, there is nothing like having an opportunity to clap and cheer for our friends.

### Purple Room

We have been taking advantage of the warm weather by using the water table on the side deck. The students love "washing" classroom toys and using various sizes and shapes of containers to fill and dump the water.

### Dragonfly Room.

While outside we have played with bubbles, made art with sidewalk chalk, collecting rocks, enjoying the water table, putting our toes in the grass and experimenting with wood chips. We have talked about how we use our senses to better understand our environment.

### Rainbow Room

We have listened to music played by the violin, the piano and the guitar. They are enjoying trying to identify the different instruments. Our student are also getting the hang of read- to-self. They are getting books after lunch and sitting on their cots to read.

### Grasshopper Room

The children are learning how to work together. They share ideas and materials which is great to see. They really enjoy watching their own progress and being able to show off the end results of their projects.

### Yellow Room (School-Age After-school)

Yellow Room participants have been working hard as a team to transform our class by incorporating the students favorite things. We recently refinished an old end table and turned it into a cool Lego Station!

