



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope that this transition time of year is treating you well! It is busy and filled with great opportunities. Yet I also know that sometimes there can be challenges with changes. Please share with us so we can support each other - exciting happenings and tough ones. I am happy to share that the stories to date have been just fabulous!

In the last communication I requested feedback from you all. I am asking again. The board, families, staff, partners and community supporters will soon be working together to set new goals and priorities for us all to work on. Please share what is important to you. You can provide feedback via email, phone calls, notes and a place in Krista's area. The three areas of focus are:

1. What is working well at DICC?
2. What could improve?
3. In two years, what would show that DICC is even better in both of the above areas?

Thanks for your time and involvement on behalf of your family and all the community members at DICC.



Respectfully,  
Denise



What's  
Happening

Mon, Sept 23	DICC Board Meeting 5:30 pm - 7 pm
Mon, Oct 7	Monthly Assembly Hosts: Butterfly
Mon, Oct 14	<b>CLOSED</b> Staff Development - No Childcare
Mon, Oct 21	DICC Board Meeting 5:30 pm - 7 pm



TCPL Story Time  
Visits

10 -11:00 am

Oct 9th	Infants & Waddlers
Oct 16th	Rainbow & Dragonfly Firefly & Grasshopper
Oct 24th	Butterfly (9:45am)



## What's Happening In The Classroom

### Blueberry Muffin Room

The babies are moving and exploring more and more of the classroom as they work towards their independence and transitions to Caterpillar. We welcome Ms. Lynette to our teaching team and welcome back Athena (student intern) in the afternoons as well.

### Caterpillar Room

The Caterpillars are looking forward to the cooler weather. We are so excited to see the beautiful colors of the season. We all love to be outside. We will use every opportunity to discover new things, such as prickly grass, crunchy leaves and cool breezes. As the weather begins to cool down, we ask you bring in light jacket or sweater for your child.

For the Fall art projects we are planning to use mostly red, yellow, orange and brown colors of paint, to reflect the colors from outside. You can admire our crafts on our classroom bulletin board.

In the second part of September, we will be exploring the topic of pets. We will be covering all the different types of pets, their care and feeding. Our class will sing songs, read stories and see pictures of many typical pets. If your family has a pet, please bring in a picture so we can share with the rest of the children in our classroom.

### Butterfly Room

The Butterflies have had an exciting and eventful Summer! From going on field trips to having a BBQ day. We have also welcomed a few new friends; Amina, Ahviani, Libertad, and Leila. We are officially at 10 kids so it will be exciting to see all the new friendships that will be made.

We ask that the parents take a look in your child's cubby to trade out any summer clothes and replace them with fall appropriate clothing, including sweaters or light jackets, long pants and shirts and sneakers/closed toed shoes.

As we start heading into the fall and it starts to cool down, we will start talking about the many changes we will see while we are outdoors; from the temperature changes to the leaves beginning to fall and the beautiful colors we will start to see. We are planning a field trip to the Apple Festival later this month so be on the look out for any reminders as we approach that time. We were learn about apples and even make some homemade applesauce. We look forward to what new and exciting things we will be working on this month.

### Dragonfly

Hello everyone, it's been a great summer and we are sad to see it go!! For the past couple of weeks we have just been going to the park and getting outside as much as possible. At the end of August we talked about the beach and made some ocean animals to hang on the wall. We also took some time to make flubber for the classroom and the kids loved the dumping and stirring part. (I have the recipe if anyone would like a copy!)

## What's Happening In The Classroom

### Rainbow

Summer has been a busy time for the Rainbows. We learned about camping, explored all the plants and flowers and even learned about pets. We also went on our first field trip to Stewart Park and we had a blast! Thank you to all the parents who joined us.

We wish Jax luck as he leaves DICC to go to Preschool! Jackson, Jameson & Gabe have moved up to classrooms throughout DICC—we miss them and enjoy seeing them with new friends. We would like to extend a big WELCOME to our new Rainbow friends—both new to DICC and new from Caterpillar Room—especially Ms. Resana.

Friendly reminder to parents—please bring in warmer extra clothes and rain boots. Summer clothes in cubbies should be taken home as the weather cools and seasons change.

### Ladybug Room

August was the month for WATER: oceans, seas and sea life. The kids explored activities in the water and learning about the lives of other creatures. We also said goodbye to many friends as they went to kindergarten to have many new adventures.

September we are learning about our bodies and about ourselves as we have new friends to get to know. We plan on traveling/ walking to public library once a week to exercise our bodies and minds. September 27th we will be walking to the Commons to enjoy the Apple Fest!!

### Grasshopper Room

Welcome to our new Grasshopper classroom! In the next few weeks we will be decorating our room with student classroom pictures and incorporating a full grasshopper theme. Thank you for being patient with our classroom transition. We have exciting things planned for the fall that include learning about different types of transportation. We have started reading the book “The Bus for Us” by Suzanne Bloom during circle, which the kids seem to love already. We will be sending a copy of the book home to keep in the next coming weeks. In the first week of October we will start learning about the Fall season including the process of Apple Cider and how leaves change color. We will discuss the holiday of Halloween and paint a classroom pumpkin. Ms. Khadija will also begin teaching weekly arts and crafts activities for the classroom.

### Firefly Room

Welcome September & new families! The Fireflies will be learning about new friendships, being leaders and appreciation.

Our summer hasn't ended yet, so kids will be sharing about all the fun vacations they've had and also be scientists as they discover the signs of FALL approaching. We are also playing math games and learning about money. Hooray!

Lets be the best citizens of the earth we can be!  
Peace & Namaste



## ATTENTION: Parents

Regular attendance is important for your child as well as the classroom's daily routine and activities. **If your child will be late or absent, please notify us prior to 9am.**

**Please sign your child in when you arrive and sign out when the child is picked up.** The Center closes at 5:30 pm. We charge a late pick-up fee of \$1 for every 1 minute late per child.

**Be sure to have weather appropriate extra clothing provided to your child's classroom—including shoes.** Also, jackets or sweaters for morning walks are now necessary.

In June 2019, a new law was passed that removed religious exemption from school immunizations. Children may receive a medical exemption if written by a NYS licensed doctor.

**DICC Health Care Policy** excludes children from care with fevers of 101° (or higher), diarrhea, or vomiting until the child is free of symptoms for 24 hours.

**Good communication between parents and care-givers is essential.** All staff and administrators can be reached via phone or email. Conferences are scheduled annually and as requested.



### DICC Professional Development

Monday, October 14th

DICC Center & Afterschool Program CLOSED—NO CHILD CARE

## Upcoming Event Details

Details Coming Soon...



### POPCORN FRIDAYS

Sept 20th, 27th & Oct 4th

50¢ a bag

Proceeds support Toddler trip to Iron Kettle Pumpkin Farm in October

