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SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER



All of our Preschool and Daycare children have matured in great strides and reached their developmental milestones. They are ready to move up to a new class, as they enjoy a Summer that's packed with lots of fun and learning through our weekly themes.

We look forward to welcoming our new and returning Summer campers as our summer program begins in full swing. The week of July 6th they will officially report to their new class. We look forward to welcoming our new and returning summer campers as our Summer program begins in full swing. The campers will have a summer filled with fun, learning and excitement with our "cool" weekly themes. We will make new friends, cool off in our sprinklers and enjoy so many memorable experiences.

This year's Christ the King PreK Stepping-Up Ceremony was very special and very entertaining. The children put on a spectacular show in the high school auditorium. The hard work of the administrators, teachers and children paid off with the beautiful decorations and stage show. The happiness and pride of the occasion was reflected in each child and parents' eyes. Thank you for your cooperation in making this day and the 2025-2026 school year such a success.

We hear from many neighborhood schools and teachers on how well our Pre-K students are doing in school. Please come and visit during the school year and let us know how you are doing. This is a helpful hint for those children who have a hard time adjusting in their new schools in September. Often a child thinks that he/she is the only one in a new school and all their friends are still here. When they see that there are all new faces and all their old friends at CTK are gone, they are eager to get back to their new kindergarten class.

Weekly Summer Themes

June 29th - July 3rd: Closed

School Closed for summer vacation, school repairs & maintenance.

July 6th-July 10th: Super Summer

Calling all superheroes and movie lovers! Get ready to dress up, act out, and share stories through an action-packed week filled with adventures, imagination, and epic fun inspired by your favorite characters from the big screen!

*****Please remember to bring in a swimsuit, towel, sunhat, and swim-shoes, as well as extra sunscreen. Please apply sunscreen before coming, each sunny day.*****

Remember to label all of your child's belongings

Week of July 13th - July 17th: Everyday Is A Holiday

What is your favorite holiday? This week we will celebrate the year's most fun holidays. Starting with our New Years' Eve countdown, and ending with Christmas, plus all the holidays in between.

Week of July 20th - July 24th: Summer In The Great Outdoors

Children will kick off camp with scavenger hunts, camping fun, learning about animals, and more!

Week of July 27th -July 31st: Blast From The Past

Get ready for a time-travel adventure! Campers will journey from dinosaurs to castles, groove through the 60's, head into the Wild West, and uncover Ancient Egypt with engaging activities and lots of movement!

Week of August 3rd - August 7th: Mad Science

Get ready to unleash your inner scientist as we conduct science experiments, make thrilling discoveries, and conclude with a Science Fair showing each class's hard work.

Week of August 10th - August 14th: Sports Week

Get ready for a week packed with fun, games, and skill-building activities. From basketball to relay races, soccer to rock climbing, there's something for everyone!

Week of August 18th -August 22nd: Pirates & Mermaids Beach Bash

The children will learn about ocean animals and marine life. We will dive in with a "Welcome Luau" and finish the week with a pirate and mermaid beach party! From Shark Day to a sandcastle contest, the children will participate in ocean themed games and activities all week.

Week of August 25th - August 29th: Bon Voyage Cruise Around The World

Set sail with us on an exciting journey around the world as we bid farewell to summer! We will craft our own passports, explore beautiful destinations, and make memories to last a lifetime.



- Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child each morning before coming to school.
- Weather permitting, the children will be spending a lot of time outdoors. If your child is outside when you are picking up, please remember to come in and sign your child out first. We would also like to remind parents to please refrain from picking your child up over the fence. This is for the safety of the children.
- All parents and guardians must enter and exit from the front of the daycare.
- When calling the facility, please keep in mind that calls should be ideally be made between 12-2pm while the children are napping. The daycare phone number is 718-417-6770.
- Please remember to make sure your child's cubby contains weather-appropriate clothing. We also appreciate all of our parents continuing to bring in diapers and a box of wipes twice each month on the 1st and the 15th.

Monthly Themes



- **Colors:** Rainbow
- **Concepts:** Making Friends/ Summer Fun
- **Shape:** Review All/ Make Your Own
- **Letters:** A-Z
- **Number(s):**

Ages (1-2) # 1-10

Ages (3-4) #'s 1-20

Little Einsteins



Science with the Kitties

Welcome summer! The Kitties had lots of fun learning, playing and making friends this year. Last month, we had so much fun watching our caterpillars and ladybugs transform. We watched as our caterpillars turned into cocoons. We then transferred them into their butterfly nets. We watched them everyday waiting to see them turn into butterflies. Once they did, we kept them for a week and fed them orange slices and watched them fly around. We also watched our ladybugs in their ladybug house. When it was time to let them go, we went outside and watched as the butterflies flew away out of their net. The children watched in awe and were so excited. The children also enjoyed watching the ladybugs go into the grass and dirt.

We had such a fun year with our Kitties and are so excited to see them continue to learn and grow. We will miss our Kitties!

Science with the Lions

We had such an amazing year in the Lion Room—we laughed, we cared, we learned, and we grew together every step of the way. It has truly been a special year watching the children develop friendships, confidence, and a love for learning.

During our last month together, we focused on exercise and healthy movement, and even with the heat and rain we still managed to learn a few new things. We learned that we don't always have to be jumping around to keep fit. The children learned how to do chair yoga, sitting still in their seats and doing different poses that work while seated. They had such a great time learning how to be calm, focused, and “zen.” We talked about how our bodies can feel strong and healthy in many different ways, and the children learned that they can work out anywhere if they are determined enough—even right in the classroom.

We are so proud of our little (now big) Lions. They have grown so much this year, and it has been a joy to watch them learn and shine. We will miss them very much, but we know they are ready for their next adventure and will have a great time learning so many terrific things in Pre-K.

Science with the Dolphins

I can't believe the school year
is coming to a close.
How did it go by so fast?
Nobody knows!
Each and every one of us
had a lot of fun,
and I'll definitely miss
my Dolphin class.

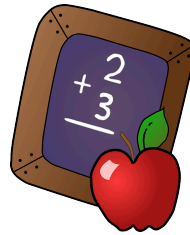
Welcome to Summer!

The end of our school year is here, but that doesn't mean the learning has ended. The Dolphins are so excited for summer and all that it brings—ice cream, picnics, and swimming! This year has been a wonderful one, filled with learning, laughter, and so much love. We have truly appreciated all the support and kindness shown by our Dolphin families throughout the year.

In the month of June, the Dolphins learned about simple machines. In our science center, we worked together as a class to build a simple machine. First, we used a long ruler, a block, and a small toy. We placed the block upside down and balanced the ruler on top, creating a lever similar to a seesaw. Then, we placed a small toy on one side and pushed down on the other. The Dolphins observed that when we pushed down, the object on the opposite side lifted up. We concluded that the lever helps us lift objects more easily.

On behalf of Miss Diana and myself, thank you all so much. We will miss each and every one of you and wish you a summer filled with fun, adventure, and special memories!

Mathematicians



Math with the Snugglies II

The children of Snugglies 2 had a great year learning and doing many activities. We introduced numbers, shapes, colors, pictures of different animals and much more. Last month, we had fun with the number 10. In the mornings, we counted our 10 fingers and our 10 toes. We also did 10 stars on construction paper for the number 10. We used a stamp of a star that we dipped in mixed orange and red paint.

We also had caterpillars in our classroom. We watched and waited patiently for them to turn into butterflies. We counted them before we set them free. It was sad to watch them go, but we waved goodbye to them as they flew up to the sky.

At the end of June, the children transitioned to their new classes. We had a great time exploring our new room and all the new toys. We will miss the children, but know they will do great in their new class. We would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year. Happy Summer!

Math with the Chipmunks

Welcome to the month of July! As we begin this exciting summer season, we look forward to sunny days, outdoor adventures, and making wonderful memories with family and friends. It has been an incredible year filled with learning, laughter, and growth, and we are so proud of all that the Chipmunks have accomplished.

The Chipmunks have been counting all year long, so it was easy for us to incorporate math into our June unit of study, "Exercise!" We discovered many fun ways to practice counting while staying active, such as counting how many times we jumped over a jump rope, completed jumping jacks, or hopped from one spot to another. We also learned how to play hopscotch, which gave the children an opportunity to practice counting to ten and counting backward from ten to one. As a special countdown to the last ten days of school, the children eagerly popped one balloon each day to reveal how many days remained until summer vacation. This became a favorite daily activity and added lots of excitement to our classroom!

We had a fantastic year together and learned so much! It has been amazing to watch the Chipmunks grow in confidence, independence, and curiosity. While we are sad to see them move up to Pre-K, we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and know they are ready to spread their wings, take on new challenges, and continue learning and exploring.

We will miss each and every one of you, so please don't forget to stop by and visit us on your way to Pre-K! We wish all of our Chipmunk families a safe, happy, and fun-filled summer. May your days be filled with sunshine, laughter, new adventures, and special time spent with loved ones. Keep reading, exploring, playing, and making wonderful memories. Have a fantastic summer!

Math with the Ducks

Hello Duck Families!

As we welcome summer, we are excited to celebrate the end of an incredible school year in the Duck Class! It is hard to believe how much our Ducks have grown over the past year. Our classroom has been filled with curiosity, laughter, learning, and friendship, and we are so proud of all that the children have accomplished.

Last month, our Ducks had a wonderful time exploring math concepts through hands-on activities and play. The children practiced counting, sorting, identifying shapes, recognizing patterns, and comparing quantities. Whether they were building with blocks, creating patterns with manipulatives, or counting objects during center time, the Ducks strengthened their problem-solving skills and mathematical thinking in meaningful ways.

As we wrap up the school year, we have spent time reflecting on our favorite memories and celebrating all of the growth we have seen. The children have become more confident, independent, and eager learners. They have built strong friendships, developed new skills, and demonstrated kindness and creativity each day. Throughout June, we enjoyed outdoor play, collaborative activities, and special end-of-year celebrations. We cherished these final weeks together, making lasting memories and celebrating the many accomplishments of our Duck Class.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and trust throughout the school year. It has been a joy and privilege to watch your children learn and grow. We are so proud of each and every Duck and cannot wait to see all of the amazing things they will accomplish in the future.

We wish all of our Duck families a summer filled with sunshine, laughter, adventure, and wonderful memories. Thank you for being such an important part

of our classroom community and for allowing us to be a part of your child's learning journey.

Little Picassos



Art with the Puppies

Happy July everyone. As we look ahead to the next school year, exciting adventures await the Puppies! Soon, they will step into new classrooms, meet new teachers, and make new friends. With each fresh experience, they will continue to grow, explore, and shine in wonderful new ways. While change can feel big, we know our Puppies are ready for the challenge—with curiosity in their hearts and confidence in their steps!

This season, the Puppies had an absolute blast with water play! They experimented with the concepts of sink and float, making discoveries through hands-on fun. Ice coloring added an extra splash of creativity and sensory excitement, as they watched colors melt and mix before their eyes. They also practiced counting to ten using their fingers, proudly showing off their growing skills. The beautiful, warm weather meant plenty of time outside, where laughter and joy filled each day on the playground.

As the year comes to a close, we will truly miss our incredible group. They have left us with such special memories that we will always treasure. We wish each and every one of them the very best of luck in their new adventures ahead—go shine bright, Puppies!

Art with the Bumblebees

“Summer means happy times and good sunshine.” (Brian Wilson)

Looking forward to fun in the sun and water play to keep cool. Weekly themes like camping, pirates, and superheroes nurture our creativity and imagination. The Bumblebees will have a blast this summer.

June marks the end of the school year, but not the end of the Bumblebees. They have grown and accomplished so much this year. The friendships they formed will last a lifetime. The memories we created together are forever. The Bumblebees celebrated their time together with a picnic, lots of bubbles, and a dance party. We had an un-bee-lievable year! 3K here we come!

Art has been the Bumblebees' favorite subject. Handprints have been turned into farm animals, spiders, a Christmas tree, blooming flowers, and presents for our parents. Each month we created decorations for the classroom. Painting in the art room lets our creativity run free. We made our last group art piece by putting large sheets of paper on the tables, then mixing and blending various paint colors. Definitely museum worthy.

Art with the Bears

It is now time to say goodbye to the Class of 2026 Bears. June was a fun-filled month, full of learning and celebrations as we prepared for our next big

adventure. We wrapped up our theme on Simple Machines. The children participated in many activities to learn how simple machines work and where we find them in everyday life. We also engaged in a variety of multisensory activities both in and out of the classroom.

During small-group time, the Bears explored the Smartboard by playing a sorting game that focused on what belongs in a backpack for Kindergarten. They also enjoyed listening to many books about stepping up to Kindergarten. In the art center, the children decorated Popsicle stick people, drew clothing for them, and glued on pictures of themselves. Afterward, everyone gathered on the carpet to congratulate one another as they placed their Popsicle stick person in front of the Kindergarten school they will be attending.

The children also received their class rings, making this an especially exciting time. These activities helped support their transition to Kindergarten and gave them the opportunity to celebrate this important milestone together. The Bears were excited to see where their friends would be going next year and to find out who would be attending the same school. They even created a chart and counted how many children were going to each school.

I would like to wish all of our Bear graduates the very best of luck next year. It has been a joy watching them learn and grow, and I will truly miss them all. We would also like to welcome all of the threes and fours who will be joining the Bear Room. We hope you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Musicians in the Making



Music with Angels

The Angels had so much fun this past year growing, learning new things, and making new friends. The end of the year is always bittersweet as we say goodbye to some of our friends and teachers, but we are excited for new opportunities ahead. The Angel teachers are so excited to welcome their new students and get to know all of them.

Music is an important part of our classroom. We sing songs to clean up, songs to dance to, and songs to cheer us up. In the Angel room, we use bean bags and the bean bag song to learn about the parts of our body. Each child picks the color and shape bean bag they like. During "The Bean Bag Song," we dance to the beat while shaking our bean bag. Then, the singer calls out to place the bean bag on different parts of our body. All of the children follow along and place the bean bag on their head, shoulder, foot, ear, and more as directed. This activity is great exercise and helps develop our gross motor skills. It also reinforces listening skills and helps us learn the different parts of our bodies.

The Angels are looking forward to a fun-filled, busy summer. We will be engaged in water play and will create many art projects. We will also spend time getting familiar with our new classroom, classroom rules, and each other.

Music with the Sunflowers

As we welcome summer, the 2025–2026 school year has come to a close. It has been a wonderful year filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable memories for our Sunflowers! Throughout the school year, the Sunflowers have grown in so many ways. They have developed new skills, gained independence, built confidence, and formed meaningful friendships. To celebrate their last full day of 3-K, we enjoyed a special picnic with all of the 3-K classes. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the friendships and experiences we shared throughout the year.

One of our favorite classroom memories was reading *Buffalo Fluffalo*. The story quickly became a class favorite and brought so much laughter to our classroom. The Sunflowers loved joining in with the story, enjoying the humorous moments, and discussing its important message about being yourself. It was a book we always looked forward to reading together and one that created many joyful memories throughout the year.

As we spent our final weeks together, we talked about the exciting transition to Pre-K and all the new experiences that await. The Sunflowers are leaving 3-K with strong friendships, cherished memories, and a love of learning that they will carry into their next adventure. We are so proud of all they have accomplished this year and cannot wait to see all the amazing things they will do in Pre-K. Thank you to our Sunflower families for your support and partnership throughout the year. It has been a joy to watch your children learn, grow, and thrive. We wish all of our Sunflowers a fun-filled summer and the very best of luck as they begin this exciting new chapter!

Music with the Turtles

As we welcome summer, we can't help but look back on all the wonderful memories we made together in June and throughout the school year! The final month of the year flew by in the blink of an eye, and our Turtles made every moment count. From practicing songs for our graduation ceremony to celebrating special milestones, June was filled with laughter, learning, and joy.

The Turtles worked hard preparing for graduation, proudly singing favorites such as *God Bless the USA*, *Graduation Dynamite*, and *Moving Up to Kindergarten*. They also had a blast showing off their dance moves to "I Like to Move It, Move It" from the movie *Madagascar*, bringing lots of energy and excitement to the stage. We also took time to celebrate our summer birthdays with songs, treats, and plenty of fun. The month was filled with smiles, dancing, and unforgettable moments shared with friends.

A very special congratulations goes out to our graduating Turtles! On June 18th, they proudly crossed the stage and officially completed their Pre-K journey. We are so excited for them as they begin their next adventure in Kindergarten this September. It has been a privilege to watch them grow, learn, gain confidence, and build friendships throughout the year. Each child has left a special mark on our classroom and will be greatly missed.

As the school year comes to a close, we wish all of our Turtle families a summer filled with sunshine, laughter, adventure, and wonderful memories. Thank you for

a fantastic year and for allowing us to be a part of your child's early learning journey. Have a turtle-y awesome summer! We can't wait to hear all about your Kindergarten adventures!

Athletes in Training & Technology Tots



Gym with the Bunnies

We are so happy to welcome July and all the fun this month has in store. Last month the Bunnies spent a lot of time outside, and in the Gym. The Bunnies celebrated the end of the school year with some dance parties. Our favorite song to learn the dance to was "The Floor is Lava." We took in the nice weather outside by having picnics during snack time. When we got into the playground we ran around, played with chalk and blew bubbles. We climbed up ladders and went down the slides. The Bunnies have shown great progress with their motor skills development and we are all so proud of them.

Last month we learned all about butterflies and ladybugs by raising them in our classroom. We were so excited to see them everyday and waved goodbye to them when we let them go. We also met our new teachers and played with many new toys! We are going to miss our teachers but can't wait to make more memories.

Gym with the Monkeys

Welcome to summer! With the school year coming to an end, we wanted to say how great this year has been and look forward to seeing our Monkeys grow as they step into their new 3K rooms!

In June, the Monkey Class had a blast learning all about insects! Our favorite insects to learn about were butterflies and ladybugs, which we got to see grow in our classroom! We even got creative with butterfly crafts using dotted markers, and made adorable ladybugs using our hands. We also learned about our five senses through listening to stories and engaging in playful discussions. The children enjoyed learning how we use our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our hands to touch, our noses to smell, and our mouths to taste through hands-on experiences.

Monkeys always have fun when they visit the Specialty Rooms. They enjoy going to the Gym to play with the bikes and cars. They also play with the gym balls. Last month, the Monkeys especially liked dancing and having races! With all the different activities, it is easy to see why the Monkeys love Gym Time!

Thank you for a wonderful school year. We wish all our Monkey friends a happy, safe, and fun-filled summer!

Tech and Gym with the Pandas

As we welcome summer fun and learning at Christ the King, it is also time for us to say goodbye to the 2025–2026 Panda class. This time of year is both fun and exciting, and the Panda teachers can't thank you enough for all your cooperation and involvement throughout the school year. It has been a wonderful and successful year, and we are going to miss everyone so much. We wish the Panda class the very best of luck in Kindergarten!

In June, the Pandas enjoyed exercising on the soccer field, in the gym, and in our classroom. In the gym, the children had a lot of fun participating in relay races as well as bike and car races. They also took turns rolling, bouncing, and throwing balls to one another. The class stayed active in the classroom as well. We used the Smartboard to play yoga videos and dances that got the Pandas moving and exercising. These activities also helped us strengthen our listening skills and practice following directions.

The Pandas had a wonderful time practicing for our Stepping Up ceremony. They enjoyed singing and dancing to all the songs they learned throughout the year. Through their hard work and dedication, they performed a fantastic show for their families. We, your Panda teachers, could not be more proud! Enjoy your summer!

The Nurse's Station



Health Policy

As we welcome the arrival of Summer and the warm weather, we will be spending more time outdoors. Below are just a few important reminders:

- Please see the link to the Health Policy above. It will provide detailed information as to when to keep your child home and when to bring your child in.
- If your child becomes sick while in our center, you will be called to pick them up. It is important to have an alternate plan if you are unable to come yourself.
- During the summer months children should be kept hydrated at all times. Please don't forget to pack a water bottle with your child's name on it.
- Please remember to apply sunscreen every morning with an SPF of 50 - 70. It is important not to forget the back of the neck, ears, nose and scalp. Please also bring in sunscreen so teachers can reapply in the afternoon.
- Sunhats or caps are a wonderful shield from the sun, but please consider safety. Be sure that hats or caps do not obstruct your child's view.

· Please make sure your child has swimwear/bathing suit, swim diapers, towel and appropriate footwear for water play. We recommend the children wear close-toed shoes.

Have a Safe and Healthy Summer!!!

CLASS QUOTES AND STORIES

Angels

We were walking to the playground when Hendrix spotted an empty ladybug habitat. Hendrix pointed to it and said, "Where are the ladybugs?" A teacher told him they were in the flowers, and he looked at the flowers and said, "I can't see it!"

Bears

The Bears were so excited to help create moves for our Stepping Up Ceremony dance. Each child had the opportunity to contribute a special move to the routine. Matteo said, "Ms. Kerin, can we add this to our dance?" As he pointed his pinky finger, pointer finger, and thumb outward, he added, "This is going to be the best part of the show—wait till my brothers see it!"

Bumblebees

We created a new game, Magic Bubbles. While waving the bubble wand, Miss Tina would say, "Magic bubbles turn my friends into: frogs, bunnies, lions, etc." Everyone would take turns picking different things to turn into. Emersyn called out, "Beautiful butterflies." Leonardo said, "No, let's be dinosaurs."

Bunnies

As the children were eating snack, one friend tried to take Kendall's cookie. Kendall responded, "No! No thank you!"

Chipmunks

While giving out special end of the year awards, Miss Gina was describing the Little Artist Award. Before naming who was receiving it, Alyssa C. exclaimed, "That's me!!"

Dolphins

One day during outside time, Miss Katie was spraying the children with water because it was so hot. Miss Diana asked Giuseppe, "You don't want to get wet?" Giuseppe replied, "No, I took a shower already!"

Ducks

When preparing the students for the upcoming year and talking with them about their new classrooms, Mia said, "I will always be a Duck!"

Kitties

The Kitties enjoyed ice pops for snack one afternoon. Antonella got so excited. She said, "Mmmmm ice pops!"

Lions

At our end of the year party, we told the children we were going to have a picnic, but because of the rain we had to bring it inside. We decided to have it in the

gym, and after the picnic Lexi said that it was fun, but asked when we were doing the real picnic because a picnic is supposed to be outside.

Monkeys

The children were so excited to set our butterflies free. As they were flying off the children were waving and saying, "Bye butterflies."

Pandas

After morning snack time, Owen got up to throw away his garbage. Some crumbs fell to the floor. He looked at Miss Nancy and said, "That's okay—you have to sweep anyway!"

Puppies

We had the pleasure of seeing and caring for caterpillars that turned into beautiful butterflies. When we released them, they landed on Emily and Lana's faces. They were so excited, and the whole Puppies class cheered and loved it so much!

Sunflowers

During circle time, the Sunflowers were talking about their summer plans and moving up to Pre-K. Rion excitedly shared, "When I move to my new house, I'm going to get 20 cats!"

Turtles

While discussing what the Turtles love most about summer, Matias excitedly exclaimed, "My favorite thing about summer is EVERYTHING!"

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