



# Debs Child Care

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## August Themes

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2008

- \* Sept. 1st Labor Day
- \* Oct. 13th Columbus Day
- \* Nov. 11th Veteran's Day
- \* Nov. 27th Thanksgiving
- \* Nov. 28th Personal Day
- \* Dec. 22nd-26th

2009

- \* **An updated schedule for 2009 will be provided in September.**



### Watermelon & Strawberries

We will spend three weeks learning about watermelons and strawberries. The children will make predictions then measure and weigh a watermelon, followed by tasting it. They will make a watermelon music shaker, and create a booklet called "Watermelon, Watermelon, What Do You See," as well as plant the seeds they find in the watermelon. The children will also play with both watermelon and strawberry playdough and participate in a variety of strawberry cooking activities.



### Sunflowers

We will learn about sunflowers from seed to flower, create a paper plate sunflower, hand print sunflower and paint a sunflower at the easel.



# AUGUST 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

## Schedule of Events

No events in August

## Birthdays

No birthdays in August

## Parent Night Out

Parent Night Out will be held on the following Evenings

School Age

Sept. 20th

Nov. 15th

Dec. 13th

Preschool

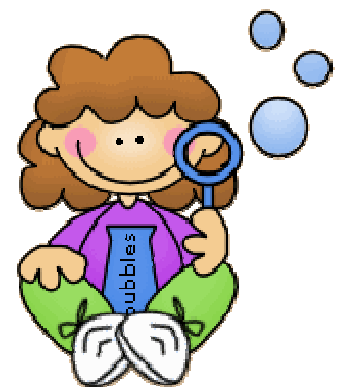
Oct. 18th\*

Dec. 6th

Jan. 10th

Future Parent Night outs will be determined at a later date.

\*Oct. 18th has been changed from Oct. 11th



## August Songs & Fingerplays

### **The Watermelon Song**

*Tune: Frere' Jacques*

Watermelon, watermelon

Tastes so yummy, tastes so yummy

Green on the outside

Red on the inside

With black seeds, with black seeds!

### **Pop! Goes the Berries**

*Tune: Pop! Goes the Weasel*

All around the strawberry fields

We picked some juicy berries

We brought them home and washed them off

Pop! - go the berries!

## August Stories

### **Watermelons**

Watermelon Day by Kathi Appelt

Chestnut Cove by Tim Egan

Counting at Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold

The Great Watermelon Birthday by Vera Williams

Greedy Greeny by Jack Gantos

One Watermelon Seed by Celia B. Lottridge

Icy Watermelon by Mary Sue Galindo

### **Strawberries**

The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry & the Big Hungry Bear  
by Audrey & Don Wood

Good Job Oliver by Laurel Molk

Sweet Strawberries by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

### **Sunflowers**

From Seed to Sunflower by Gerald Legg

Gift of the Sun: A Tale from South Africa by Dianne Stewart

Sunflower by Miela Ford

Sunflower House by Eve Bunting

## Recipe Area

### **Chicken Casserole**

16 oz small sea shell noodles-cooked according to box directions

1 (10 1/4 oz) cream of celery soup

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3/4 cup mayonnaise or miracle whip (your choice)

1 1/2 cups evaporated milk

2 cups grated cheddar cheese, divided

1/4 cup finely chopped celery

1/2 small onion finely chopped

1/2 tsp garlic minced

2 mushrooms finely chopped

3 cups cooked chicken

Preheat oven to 325 degrees

Sauté' onions, garlic, celery and mushrooms until onions are translucent. Mixed the celery and chicken soup with either mayonnaise or miracle whip, and evaporated milk and stir well. Mix all ingredients together with 1 cup of cheddar cheese. Place in a large casserole dish that has been sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle remaining cup of cheddar cheese on top and bake for 30 minutes

Kids are Special!!!

## School Calendar

### August

Aug. 25th– Traditional School Starts

Aug. 29th No School

### September

Sept. 1st. Labor Day

Sept. 2nd to Sept. 19th Track C Break

### October

Oct. 2nd & 3rd No School

Oct. 16th & 17th Parent Teach Conf.

Oct. 31st No School

### November

Nov. 6th & 7th Parent Teach Conf-  
traditional school

Nov. 26th Early Release

Nov. 27th & 28th Thanksgiving

### December

Dec. 22nd to Jan. 2nd Winter Break

## Website Updates

I have been working on updating my website and will soon introduce a new area called, "What Did My Child Do Today." This area will provide families with a visual to hands on activities your child participates in my program that they do not bring anything home. These learning areas are literacy, math, science, cooking, dramatic play and children's art.



The first two updates will be literacy and children's art. The literacy area will include activities on concepts of print, phonological awareness, oral language, letter & sound recognition & knowledge, emergent writing and many more activities. The children's art will be a visual of drawings the children do throughout their day while in my care. This will be an amazing area to see how the children develop in their creativity.

### Graphic Credits

[www.graphicgarden.com](http://www.graphicgarden.com), [www.cutecolors.com](http://www.cutecolors.com)

[www.thislegirlsdesigns.com](http://www.thislegirlsdesigns.com), Microsoft Clipart

## September Themes

This year we will be using a program called Itty Bitty Bookworm-Bo's Curriculum <http://www.ittybittybookworm.com/>

### **Stories**

I Like Me

Silly Sally

My Friend

Do You Want to Be My Friend?



Learning Concepts

Letters– L, F, E

Numbers—1,2,3

Shape—circle

Color—Red

### **Preschool Schedule**

6:30 to 7:30—Free Play

7:30 to 8:30—Breakfast

8:30 to 9:00—Table Activities

9:00 to 9:30—Circle Time

9:30 to 10:00—Outside

10:00 to 11:00—Centers/Groups

11:00 to 11:30—Creative Arts

11:30 to 12:00—Lunch

12:00 to 12:30—Outside

12:30 to 1:00—Stories

1:00 to 3:00—Nap/Quiet Time

3:00 to 3:30—Free Play

3:30 to 4:00—Journals

4:00 to 4:30—Snack

4:30 to 5:00 Table Activities or  
Outside

*This schedule is subject to change  
depending on the weather and the  
children in attendance.*