



The Neighborhood Learning Center



The Director's Corner

Marcie Peterson, Director

July Highlights

July 4th—NLC Closed

Dear Parents,
 Summer is the perfect time to teach manners and flag etiquette. "Good manners are the techniques of expressing consideration for the feelings of others." - Alice Duer Miller
 Good manners do more than make children pleasant to have around; they equip your children to face varied social situations successfully.

Summertime is a good time to work on manners and teach children essential lessons for getting along in the world. Remember to avoid nagging—be gentle and consistent instead. And don't forget to affirm kids whenever they get it right!

The following are some good ideas to teach introduction manners and good mealtime and flag etiquette ideas.



Practice good introduction manners:

- teach your child to stand and shake hands with adults when meeting them for the first time.
- Teach your child to say "Excuse me?" if she doesn't hear what someone is saying.

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Important Notice

Please note that the rate increase announced in last months newsletter went into effect this week; however, almost all of the payments received for this week were still at the old rate.

Please see the rate chart on page 4 and make future payments according and including any underpayment for this week. For those who

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Staff Spotlight



Hi! My name is Nicole Schooley. I joined the NLC staff last August and I am excited to be coming up on my 1 year anniversary!

I started in the preschool 2 room with Ms. Alison. I have remained in this room, working with other teachers and I am happy to welcome Ms. Heidi, as the new lead teacher and Ms. Madi as her assistant.

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Water Play at NLC

Each week this summer, the children will enjoy water play with their classmates. The schedule is as follows: Tuesday - preschool - 1 (Ms. Lisa's class), Wednesday - Preschool - 2 (Ms. Heidi's class), Thursday - preschool 3 & 4 - (Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Terri's class).

Please send your child to school with their bathing suits on and their clothes over top. They also need water shoes (sandals), a towel (with their name on it) and their first application of sunscreen. We only apply sunscreen after nap.

We have scheduled water play during their morning playground time, if weather permits or right after snack, if weather permits.

Parent Survey

We have received a number of surveys from you and appreciate all of your feedback. We take this opportunity to welcome your comments and improve upon the areas that need attention.

Your kind words and constructive input helps us grow and keeps the communication open between the parents and the school board. If you have yet to fill one out, please take a few minutes and respond. Go to this **URL**:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3FQWBKH>





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- Make sure your children arrive on time at special occasions and activities.
- Teach your child to be sensitive to the loner of a party, to invite him or her to talk.
- Instruct your child to offer kitchen help, to keep his belongings organized & tidy the bathroom when visiting.
- Be sure your child says thank-you.
- If the visit was special in some way or lasted longer than a night, work with your child on a thank-you note.
- Don't start eating until everyone is served.
- Take small portions.
- Take what you're offered. If you don't like something, politely say "No, thank-you."
- Eat slowly.
- Chew with your mouth closed.
- Swallow food before taking a drink.
- Keep elbows and arms off of the table.
- Ask to be excused.

Mealtime etiquette:

- Sit up straight.
- Be quiet-don't drag your chair and bang silverware
- Keep a napkin in your lap and don't forget to use it
- Keep chair legs on floor.
- If the family your visiting says grace, follow their custom.
- Pass condiments around, not across the table.

Summertime patriotic holidays provide a natural opportunity to teach children flag etiquette. Even young children can be taught that our flag is special, and we treat it with respect. The National Flag Foundation lists some simple rules for honoring our flag.

As we celebrate our freedom this month, may God richly bless you and your family!

Ms. Marcie

Staff Spotlight (From Page 1)

I am a mom to two girls, ages 11 and 4. I have been thrilled to have had the opportunity to spend time with and teach your children in the classroom.

I now look forward to my new position as the cook and feeding your children every day!

Time to restock your child's cubby!

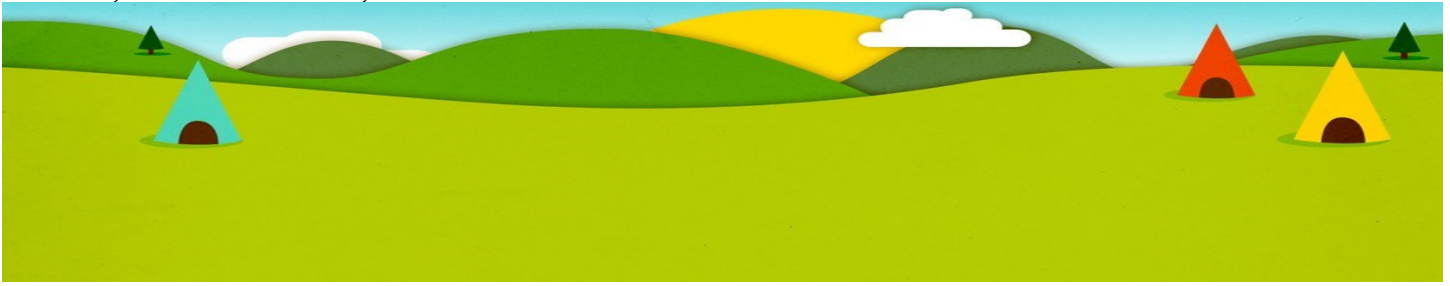
Please provide extra socks, shorts and shirts for summer wear. Many things happen during the course of the day that may require a change of clothes. Check their cubby everyday to take home or add additional clothing. Water bottles may be sent in for water only. It should be taken home and washed as needed.

Also, summer blankets should be sent in with their weekly bedding.

We are in the process of purchasing a washer/ dryer to help with wet or soiled clothing and bedding.

Improved Security

We've been telling you its coming and we're finally in the homestretch for securing the front-door to the NLC and the Church. This week we expect the front-door video intercom to be installed so that we can engage the electronic keypad. Key codes and instructions will be provided at drop-off and pickup as soon as the installation is complete.



The Chaplin's Corner

It was fun in God's Big Backyard

We had a blast out under the stars in God's Big Backyard. Thanks for joining us last week for our Backyard Adventure, where we learned how to serve family, friends, neighbors, community and Jesus. Just about 80 children from the church, NLC and community,



joined us each evening as we explored stories that invited us to reach out and serve others. We heard

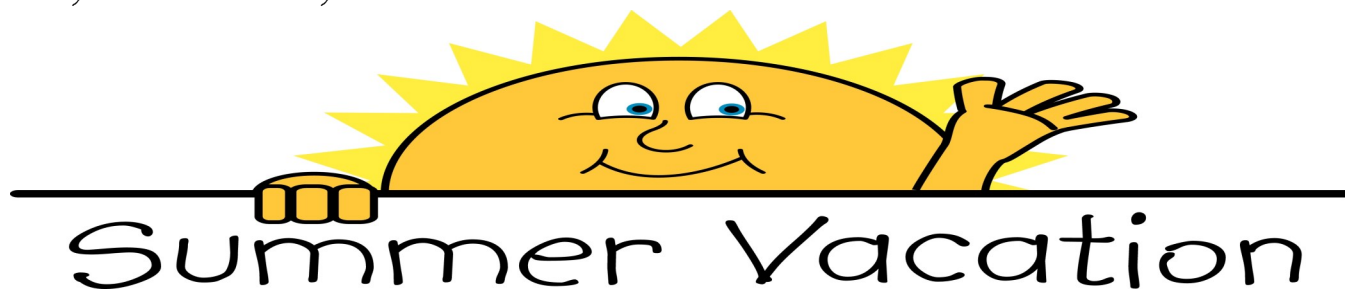
about Jesus washing his disciples' feet, Rebekah serving a stranger at the well, Gideon rescuing his community from danger and Joseph forgiving his brothers. We met some amazing guests along the way, too. Pam Hayba, school liaison, talked about hunger in our community. Our new guide dog friend, Rainier stopped by. We learned how people and animals can serve friends in need. David and Lisa Williams from Teens Opposing Poverty dropped by and helped teach us what it is like to be homeless folks on the streets in DC. Cara and Anna Broshkevitch from Keep Loudoun Beautiful helped us learn how to care for our community's environment and make trash into something beautiful. We made some pretty fun crafts. We sang some kicking song that allowed us to clap and dance. We ate amazing meals as one, big community. We collected over 25 bags of food. We prayed together. We worshipped God together. We had fun together in God's Big Backyard. Thanks for joining us!

Pastor Jessica



Author of the Month

Author of the month is taking a break for the summer. We'll be back in the fall with more interesting authors and reads!



missed it here is the announcement from last months newsletter:

Letter from the NLC Board from the June Newsletter

The Board has increased the tuition rates for the Center. The chart below provides the new rates. For infants through age 4, these rates reflect a \$10 per week increase and will become effective on July 1, 2013. For the Kindergarten Enrichment and school age, the rates have been increased by \$15 per week and will become effective with the beginning of the school year enrollment next fall.

	5 days/wk	3 days/wk	2 days/wk
Infants	\$275	\$183	\$125
Toddlers	\$260	\$172	\$118
2's	\$250	\$166	\$114
3's	\$250	\$166	\$114
4's/Pre-K	\$240	\$160	\$110
K Enrichment	\$170	\$120	\$85
Before & After School	\$140	\$140	\$140
After School	\$95	\$95	\$95

The Board joins me in thanking you for a wonderful school year. We wish you and all of your family a fun summer and look forward to a great new school year beginning in the fall.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day NLC Closed	5 Tuition Due	6
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