

August NEWSLETTER

Center For Developmental Disabilities
101 Pocono Drive, Milford, PA 18337



Dear Families,

We are having a blast during summer camp! Our campers have been busy making new friends, exploring exciting activities, creating fun crafts, and playing outdoor games as well as enjoying water play and the sprinkler!

Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email: nmesser@cddkids.org or on Lillio.

Warmly,
Nicole Messier
Director of Programs

What We're Learning

- **Early Head Start Classroom:** Our little sunshine seekers continue to play, explore, and discover all things summer! They are having a "ball" exploring the Creative Curriculum Ball Study! Throughout the month, they have been discovering all kinds of balls, from colorful beach balls to basketballs, soccer balls and footballs. They even enjoyed a fun classroom bowling game, practicing their rolling and aiming skills while cheering on their friends! Through hands-on exploration, movement, and teamwork, our lil campers are developing coordination, problem-solving skills, and confidence, all while making wonderful summer memories!
- **Preschool & School Age Classrooms:** During Treasure Hunters Week, campers transformed into pirates and searched for hidden treasure, created their own gooey slime, and set off on exciting pirate adventures filled with imagination and teamwork. Our Jurassic Journey Week was full of prehistoric fun! Campers made dinosaur footprints and washed toy dinosaurs at the sensory station. Ocean Odyssey Week was full of creating jellyfish, sharks and some paper mache blowfish! During our magical Enchanted Forest Week, campers let their creativity shine by making fairy gardens and fizzing fairy potions. This week our campers are getting ready for a Color Explosion! They'll enjoy bright, colorful activities and create their very own tie dye beach towel to take home as a special keepsake from camp.

Upcoming Events

August 3-7: **COLOR EXPLOSION**

August 10-14: **MINI MAKERS LAB**

August 14: Last Day of Summer Camp

August 17-21: Center Closed for Students

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year is open, contact Vicki, our Family Support Specialist!

August 21: Open House 2:00-3:00pm. Parent and Student Event (More info. to come on Lillio)

August 24: First Day of School (Except Head Start only)

September 2: First Day of School (Head Start only)



Classroom Spotlight



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Speech – Talk, Play, Learn!

WH-Questions

Answering WH-questions (what, who, where) is an important early language skill. These questions are easiest to learn when the answers are concrete, meaning your child can see the person, object, or action you're talking about.

How to Practice

Use a simple question → answer → question → answer routine.

Repeating both the question and the answer helps your child understand what the question is asking.

Parent: "What is he doing? He is running. What is he doing? He is running."

When Your Child Begins to Understand

Once your child can answer independently, shift the routine slightly:

Parent: "What is he doing?" Child: "He is running." Parent: "That's right! What is he doing? He is running!"

This reinforces comprehension and gives your child a clear, confident model.

WHAT Questions

Typically understood first (around 2–3 years). Focus on actions and objects your child can see.

WHO Questions

Usually understood around 3 years. Use familiar people or characters.

WHERE Questions

Often understood around 3–4 years. Use real locations your child knows.

Easy Ways to Practice Throughout Your Day

You don't need special materials—just use everyday routines:

- During meals → "What are we cooking?"
- During play → "Who is driving the car?"
- During errands → "Where are we going now?"

Short, repeated practice throughout the day helps build strong comprehension and confidence.