



Village Families,

This is our last newsletter of the school year! Wow, this year has gone by so quickly. In every classroom we can see the huge amount of growth in all students, both physically and in their school readiness skills. Our last School Readiness Goal of the school year is connecting counting to numerals. We want to make sure that our students who are headed to kindergarten are not only able to count but also to know that a certain number of objects corresponds to a specific number symbol.

Thank you for being a part of The Village early childhood community. This is a special time in childhood when we can focus on growing and developing through play. Nurturing relationships as well as being attentive to individual needs help us all be supportive and responsive to everyone in our community. Have a wonderful end of the school year and Summer!

Familias The Village,

¡Este es nuestro último boletín del año escolar! Vaya, este año ha pasado tan rápido. En cada salón podemos ver la gran cantidad de crecimiento en todos los estudiantes, tanto físicamente como en sus habilidades de preparación escolar. Nuestros últimos Objetivos de Preparación Escolar del año escolar es conectar el símbolo de número con un cierto número de objetivos. Queremos asegurarnos que nuestros estudiantes que van a ir al kínder no son solo capaces de contar sino también saber que un cierto número de objetos corresponde a un símbolo de número específico.

Gracias por ser parte de la comunidad de la primera infancia de The Village. Es un tiempo especial en la infancia en el que podemos enfocarnos en crecer y desarrollarnos a través del juego. Fomentar las relaciones y prestar atención a las necesidades individuales nos ayudan a ser solidarios y receptivos con todos en nuestra comunidad. ¡Que tengan un maravilloso final de año escolar y verano!

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# Creative Curriculum



**Creative Curriculum: Most of our classrooms will be ending the year studying Exercise! Wiggle! Stretch! Jump! Climb!** This is a good study for preschoolers because their bodies are in constant motion! Moving helps children feel capable and confident, releases tension and builds strong bodies and minds.

**Here are the school readiness goals we are working on:**

- Reading numerals from 1-10 and counting sets of numbers
- Understanding how to calm down and solve problems
- Naming letters and letter sounds
- Learning new vocabulary words and retelling stories with a beginning, middle and end

**How you can help your child at home:**

- Play the “Show Me” number game with your child. Ask them to “show you” seven by holding up the correct number of fingers. How about four with two hands? Now show me eight! Continue with different numbers as long as your child is interested. Have fun!
- Read books with your child and ask questions about the story. “Did you like this book?” “Why?”
- Talk with your children about their day--who they played what was their favorite activities were.
- **Please refer to your child’s classroom newsletter for more details!**

**Dinosaur School:** We are continuing to learn how to be GREAT Problem Solvers! *The problem solving steps are: Step 1. What is my problem? Step 2. What are some solutions? And Step 3. What are some other solutions?* Our goal is to teach children a variety of positive solutions such as sharing, taking turns and asking for help.



**How you can help your child at home:**

- Do the Dinosaur School Home Activities with your child
  - Help your child recognize and name problem feelings (frustrated, sad, mad, nervous)
  - Help your child talk about the problem
  - Encourage your child to think of as many solutions as possible
  - Remember the process of thinking of solutions is more important than coming up with the correct solution
  - Don't try to problem solve when your child is very angry or upset. Wait until your child is calm enough to talk about solutions
- Talk to your teachers if you have any questions!

# Family Partnerships



## Keep Your Kids Happy and Healthy: Summer Tips for Parents

Summer is the best time to play, rest and have fun. And it is a good time to provide your child with snacks that promote energy and good healthy eating practices and to make sure they get the exercise and rest they need. Here are a few tips for your child's summer health.

- **Make sure your child is getting daily exercise.** Encourage your child to stay active. Have them walk, run, swim, play sports, jump rope, ride bikes, or go skating daily. Check out [LetsMove.gov](http://LetsMove.gov) for more information.
- **Make time to read and/or tell a story to your child every day.** Check out Bemis Library's summer reading programs and promote your child's love of reading.
- **Make sure your child eats healthy.** Give your child healthy snacks. Prepare snack bags of vegetables such as carrots, celery, or cucumbers and/or fruit such as apples, pears, or berries.
- **Make sure your child is drinking lots of water.** Water is excellent to keep your child hydrated.
- **Make sure your child goes to bed on time every night.** Schedule a bedtime and keep to it. This will ensure your child is getting adequate amounts of sleep. Sufficient amounts of sleep promote healthy physical and mental development.

## Here are some fun interactive websites and/or apps

- [National Geographic Kids](#): Great nature videos, activities, games, stories, and more
- [Discovery Kids](#): Video, games and activities to explore dinosaurs, sharks, space, pets, history and more
- [Smithsonian Kids Collecting](#): how to start your own collection and see what other kids collect
- [The Last American Dinosaurs](#): from the National Museum of Natural History
- [NASA Kids Club](#): a place to play games and learn about NASA through interactive explorations
- [My Wonderful World](#): A multimedia tour of our seven continents.
- [Time for Kids](#): Fun games (The Great State Race), an online weekly magazine written for kids, and news from around the world

## Introduce your students and their families to stories from around the world.

Let them know about the [International Children's Digital Library](#), an amazing (and growing!) collection of international children's books available to read online in their original languages. [Big Universe](#) is another online library of fiction and nonfiction books for kids 0-12. The site also offers adults and kids the chance to create and publish their own stories.

Have a great summer! The Family Partnerships staff

## News from LPS Nutrition Services

It is the goal of the LPS Nutrition Services department to keep meal prices affordable to families within the district. Due to increasing food costs, our meal prices will be changing for the 2018-2019 school year. Prices will be as follows:

### Breakfast Prices\*

Elementary: \$1.85

Middle: \$1.85

High: \$2.05

### Lunch Prices\*

Elementary: \$2.95

Middle: \$3.15

High: \$3.25

Adult: \$4.05

Milk: \$0.75

\*As a reminder, all students who qualify for reduced meal benefits will receive breakfast at no charge. Additionally, PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade students who qualify for reduced meal benefits will also receive lunch at no charge. More information regarding Free and Reduced Meal Benefits can be found at [www.lpsnutrition.com](http://www.lpsnutrition.com) or call 303-347-3355.

## Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Dad's Home Depot Night 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – End of Year School Barbeque 5:00pm – 7:00pm

### **Summer Barbeques**

**Free hot dogs and hamburgers, please bring a side dish to share and join the fun!**

July 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00pm -7:00 pm

August 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm -7:00 pm

August 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm -7:00 pm

**Last Day of School**  
**Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**



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