

Wee R Kids

Summer 2015 Newsletter



Statutory Holidays:

The agency and all providers are closed all statutory holidays, parents are expected to find other care arrangements for all holidays. If the holiday falls on a weekend, we will be closed the following Monday in honour of the holiday.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS:

July 1—Canada Day August 3 Heritage Day

Happy Summer Everyone!

Though I am not really a Summer person, I know most of you are pretty excited about the season.... I am just biding my time until Autumn returns.

Summer at Wee R Kids means holidays! Please note that there will be times this season that we only have one office staff in. Please be patient with us and if you call or drop by and we are not in, please leave a message or a note and we will get back to you. Please also call ahead to schedule a time if you are in need of coming in. That way your time will not be wasted. We are also busy this time signing new families for Summer and Autumn, so please let us know if you are coming in so that we don't double book.

Please let your provider/parents know when you are off this Summer. Please remember that though we do our very best to offer back up, Summer is very difficult as we can have many providers closed at the same time. Also, during breaks, care fees are not lowered. Everyone is entitled to holidays, so please do not ask your providers for money off for yours or their holidays.

Have a happy Summer, see you in the Autumn!

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"What one loves in childhood stays in the heart forever."

~ Mary Jo Putney

Weekly At The Library:

Monday:

Babes in the Library 10am-10:30am

Tuesday:

Time for 2's 10am-10:30am

Wednesday:

Stories and Stuff 10am-10:30am

Babes in the Library 10:45am-11:15am

Thursday:

Stories and Stuff 10am-10:30am

Rhyme Time 10am-11am

Friday:

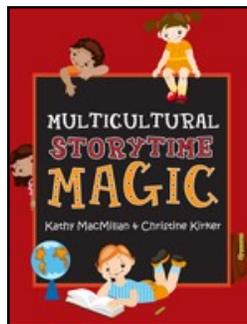
Rhyme Time 10am-11am

Saturday:

Small and Tall 10am-10:30am



Multicultural Story Time Magic
By Kathy MacMillan



Story time audiences grow ever more diverse, and it's important that the materials used in programs reflect that richness of experience. Multiculturalism need not be an occasional initiative attached to particular holidays. In this book best-selling authors MacMillan and Kirker offer a new paradigm for multicultural programs, one in which diversity is woven into any and every story time, no matter what the topic.

Saturday's at the Galt

Activities and Crafts from the past.
Every Saturday at the Galt Museum
1pm call 320-3954 for more details
www.galtmuseum.com

**Fort Whoop Up
Summer Season**

June 1—September 30
10am-5pm
call 329-0444 for more details
Adults \$9/Seniors \$7.50/Students \$6.50/
Under 5 ~ Free

Whoop Up Days 2015

Lethbridge Public Library
August 18-22, 2015
\$15 admission ~ 10 yrs. and under FREE
exhibitionpark.ca



Helen Schuler Coulee Centre

Summer Hours: June ~ August 10am-6pm
call 320-3064 for more details
Admission is FREE

Saturday Farmers Market

Come and purchase local produce and crafts
Begins May 10 through to October 8am-11am
Fee admission at Exhibition Park

Wednesday Farmers Market

Come and purchase local produce and crafts
July & August
Downtown across from the
park
Free admission



Happy Summer!

I hope so far everyone is enjoying the warm weather that Mother Nature has blessed us with in June! Just a few reminders, make sure you are getting your parents to bring those hats, extra clothes and sunscreen/bug spray for their little ones! (make sure any sunscreen and bug spray are completely inaccessible to the children when not in use) If you are going on an outing in the heat, bringing water bottles for yourself and the children is a must as well! Keep everyone hydrated. Please review the heat safety article you all received last month for tips and what to watch for.

For the months of July and August, we will be taking our usual summer break from office meetings, if you take any training sessions, or online courses, make sure you are recording them on your training plans for licensing. There are some great online courses that give you a printable certificate at the end that you can put in your portfolios! Our meetings will resume in September, with that one being our orientation and resigning contract meeting. It is usually held a little earlier in the month rather than the 3rd Wednesday, but we will give you lots of notice as to when it is so you can book your sitters or whatever you need to reschedule to be able to attend. Septembers' meeting is one of THE most important meetings of the year, as this is the one where any policy / licensing changes are discussed and you resign your contracts for the next year to stay with the agency.

If you have any sort of BBQ, or get together with your families over the summer, please ensure you are recording it on your Family Share Day or Parents night forms, whichever your activities fall under.

Be safe, and have fun this summer!! See you on my visits! If you need any resources etc. from the office, you can let me know and I can bring them out when I come!

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Angel Dick June 5
 Claire Sullivan July 16
 Gini Wishart July 20

it's your birthday!

monthly provider spotlight:



June: Claire Sullivan

July: Shirley Rempel

August: Sara & Michel Martel

Summer Outdoor Activities for Kids



Drip, Drip, Splash!

Very much like duck, duck, goose. All children sit in a circle, one child is chosen to start. That child has a cup or bucket of water. As they go past they dip their hands in the cup and splash each child with the water saying, drip each time. Then when they choose the child that will be "it" they pour the bucket of water on them and yell, "Splash!" Both children run around the circle in different directions to get back to the original spot. Whoever gets there last is "it". And the game starts all over again with a new bucket or cup of water. For more water fun you can use a hose as instead!

Bug Count

Having a bug hunt is so fun!! Make up cards with drawn or found pictures of bugs, (this can be done with flowers, animals, trees, etc.) and leave a space for the children to mark or colour or draw their own rendition of the bug. You can make marks and count how many you see and what you saw most of.

You can do it as a group going for a walk or to the park or coulees or you can have the children do it on their own as you all play in the yard. For the very young, you can fill out as they tell you what they see. You can also do this as a bingo.

Make a Hoola Hoop

- Irrigation tubing
- Small saw or PVC cutter
- A connector (coupling)



- Rice or small beans to fill hoop
- Coloured electrical or duct tape

Cut tubing so that it hits your child's chest. Insert your connector to one side of the hoop. Fill your hoop with rice or dry beans. Decorate with tape. You are done, now to play!!

