



Newsletter 2022

We are closed
Monday May 30th
for Memorial Day

Reminder Children who are
attending for the day need to
arrive by 9:00 AM unless they
have a doctor's appointment.

We will be hosting a
Family Grill Out to kick
off the first day of
summer on May 31st
from 4:00 pm-5:30pm
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers,
Chips and drinks – You
can charge it to your
account if you would
like us to cook dinner
for you. Feel free to
stay and play on the
playground with your
child while you eat
dinner 😊



☀️ Summer Item Check List to have by May 31st ☀️

Girls: 1 piece swimsuit ✓

Boys: swim trunks & swim shirt (swim shirt optional for 2 and up)

They will need their name on the tag and **they will stay here all summer**. Please right their whole first name on the tags. Initials don't work as many kids have the same initials.

All children in diapers will need to bring a package of swim diapers ✓

1 bottle of SPF 50 Cream Sunblock (No spray sunblock's) ✓

Each classroom will use one bottle at a time until it is gone and then use the next one. You do not need to put names on the sunscreen bottles unless they have allergies.

1 water bottle that can be used again and again ✓

We recommend the metal ones that keep the water cool for a long time. The plastic ones don't last as well as the kids drop them on the playground. If they brought one at the beginning of the year, we still have it 😊

1 or 2 changes of summer clothes ✓

for accidents or spills. If your child has winter clothes in their bag it is time to switch them out.



Keep Up to Date:

We don't want you to miss out on all the learning and fun! Don't forget to check your child's classroom Facebook page for pictures and lessons. Feel free to save all the pictures too 😊 We post them just for you!



Summer Schedule



Our hours stay the same for summer at the Early Learning Center. We open at 7 am and close at 5:30 pm. While we will still have some learning times, we move into our summer camp mode meaning we will spend a lot more time outside playing games, sports, water play and so much more. During summer some of our teachers may change a bit as we have many that use this time to take vacations or spend time with their own families. Throughout the summer Jill and Cindy continue to meet with our teaching teams as we are ongoing learners. We are so excited for summer! We will have a lot of fun events like a color run, streamer wars and lots and lots of water games.



Did you know on our Crayons 2 Pencils website we have a tab just for you? You will find lots of information on their such as days we are closed for holidays, special events coming up and so much more. <http://www.crayons2pencils.com/Parent-Portal.html>

VOTE FOR US!



SCAN HERE TO VOTE!



This lets you vote for all your favorites. Here are the ones Crayons 2 Pencils can be nominate

Warren County Residents' Choice Awards

www.iowalivingmagazines.com/residentspoll

VOTING ENDS JULY 1, 2022

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[Iowa Living Magazines](http://www.iowalivingmagazines.com)

If you would like to vote- Just type **Crayons 2 Pencils** as that will cover both locations 😊

- #27 - Favorite Warren County daycare
- #28 – Favorite place for a Children’s Birthday Party
- #29 – Favorite Preschool

Teacher Appreciation Week

We had so much fun celebrating our teachers this week and all they do day in and day out. We heard horror stories of other centers not being about to stay open 5 days a week or having to close early each day due to staffing so we wanted to really show our team how much they mean to not only Crayons 2 Pencils but to all of you.

We celebrated them each day with games, activities and treats. Here are a few highlights.



Sugar Rush Day, Hawaiian Day, Cinco De Mayo Day, Games, Gifts, Pinatas, Fun appropriate work drinks 😊 and lots of laughter



Parenting Tips

As many of you know, Cindy and I have been working with children for over 20 years. We have seen about every type of behavior you can imagine. We always get asked by parents if we have tips for certain behaviors. We started a series that we will continue to add too called "It starts at Home". These are short videos that share parenting tips and ideas that may help you with your child at home. Here is the link to our page. We have more we will upload more frequently.

[It-Starts-At-Home \(crayons2pencils.com\)](http://It-Starts-At-Home (crayons2pencils.com))

**This is just for our Pre-K kids going to kindergarten.
It is almost Graduation Day!**

**Address: C2P Recreation Center
515 Sunset Drive Norwalk Iowa 50211**

Thursday May 26th is



**1st Program
9:45 - 10:15
AM**

Ophelia
Blakely
Collette
Elena
Elizebeth
Mallory
Ryker
Levi
Eleanor
Ella
Tatyana
Teddy
Lorelei
Wyatt J.
Kash
Violet
David
Adrien
Olivia
Gavin
Huck
Kade

**2nd Program
10:45-11:15
AM**

Nelson
Tucker
Eli
Isaac
Lydia
Adelaide
Quinn
Camilla
Ellie
Zara
Allie
Emerie
Saleah
Jane
Zander
Roman
Beckham
Caroline

**Thursday
May 19th**

Children will have a dress rehearsal to go to the Rec Center to practice. They must be at the Early Learning Center by 9 Am to ride the bus. We will return at 11:30 AM.

* The day of our graduation program, children need to be at the Early Learning Center no later than 8:30 AM -

All children graduating will load the bus between 8:45 and 9:00 AM to go to the Rec Center to get ready.

Both groups performing will load the bus together. While one group is performing, the other students will be upstairs in the classroom playing until it is their turn.

* **If your child is NOT going to kindergarten in the fall, they will NOT be performing this year.** They will attend next year's graduation ceremony. You should not see their name on the list above. If they are going to kindergarten and you do not see their name, please let Jill know. **All Children not attending Kindergarten will not come to the rec center this day. They will stay at the Early Learning Center.**

* We have limited parking spots so if you are able to car pool that will help.

* Children will sing their songs; receive their certificates and we will have a special photo area to take pictures

* They will be wearing a cap and gown for their graduation ceremony. Please give the cap and gown back after you take their picture as we need them for the next graduation ceremony.

All children will load the bus at 11:45 to go back to the Early Learning Center for lunch. If you will be taking your child with you for the day, please make sure to let your teachers know.

* **Reminder-** Your child will still be at the Early Learning Center during the summer. Children will not move to the Rec Center until August 22nd.