

Dear Parents,

I hope that your summer is going well and that you have been able to take some time to relax. It is hard to believe that summer is half over. Maybe it would be better to focus on the idea that we still have half of the summer left to enjoy!

By now, you have noticed some new staff members in the infant room. As Missy nears her due date, it is getting more difficult for her to work in the infant room. Heidi, Johnna, Felicia, and Kati are the faces you will most likely see when you pick up your child at the end of the day. Felicia and Kati you already know but Heidi and Johnna are new to the center. They both have previous experience in child care and we are very glad to have them join us here at St. Paul's!

As your child gets older and begins to eat more table foods, please feel free to send in snacks and lunches as you deem appropriate. State regulations require that any food brought in for your child (such as Cheerios or puffs) be in the original packaging so the expiration date is visible. We can, however, keep a small container of a snack for two days without being in the original package...you would just have to take the small container home and bring it back every other day. Whatever system works better for you (sending the original package to leave or bringing a small container every other day) is fine with me. If you have any questions, just ask...the state regulations can be confusing but do have your child's best interest at heart.

St. Paul's is closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. God has truly blessed us to live in a country where we can enjoy so many freedoms. God bless America!