SUMMER KIDS

VPK-Graduation:

Heartwarming event for our VPK graduates. The VPK graduation celebrations was simply heartwarming.

The graduates brought the house down with “ABC you Later”, and the tug at the heartstrings “One Small Voice”

The special awards ceremonies’ toasted special acknowledgements with awards including “The Gift of Gab” and of course “Break a Leg”

Ms. Teianna and Ms Kristen did an exceptional job this year at directing and guiding these little ones to the new world stage.

Tips for Teaching Your Kid What to Do If They Get Lost
Let’s explore six lessons you can teach your kids that can keep them safe if they get lost.

Make sure your child memorizes your 1

full name, your phone number, and your address. Some children as young as 3 may be able to remember mom or dad’s cell phone number. Also, make sure your child knows your first and last names. Keep in mind, however, that some young children might forget your first names since they don’t use them to refer to their parents.
When going somewhere with your child such as a Zoo or a Theme Park write your phone number on their hand with a marker then cover with liquid bandaid so it stays on all day. If your child gets lost they will know who to call... Thumbs up and share with anyone with kids or that takes care of little ones! heart PASS IT ON!

If your child is too young to memorize your information, write it down on a piece of paper and tuck it away in a secure place like her shoe or pocket. Remind your child where the paper is before heading to your destination so she can tell a safe adult that it’s there in case you are separated.

Have your child practice calling your phone. This is particularly useful with older children once they learn to use a phone and you can have them call your cell phone from a landline or another phone.

Teach your child how to ask for help safely. Rather than teach your child not to ever talk to strangers, empower your child and tell her to ask a woman with a child for help. If she can’t spot one, tell her to look for a woman, a store salesperson with a name-tag, or a security guard.

Tell your child to never go looking for you if they get lost. The best thing for them to do is to stay right where they are so that you can come and find them.

Make learning these tips fun. A good way to do that is to watch a safety video like "The Safe Side—Stranger Safety: Hot Tips to Keep Cool Kids Safe With People They Don't Know and Kinda Know," created by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

It delivers important safety information, such as what to do when you are separated from your parent, in a fun and easy-to-understand way that’s perfect for children. The DVD is worth owning because you can watch it as a family every once in a while to refresh their memory. Kids really like this one, too.
Practice the “what ifs” with your child. Go over these tips periodically, especially before heading out to a crowded location such as a park, playground, or another public area. Keep in mind that you should never put your child in danger when practicing. Simple questions and answers will do.

The NCMEC recommends going over various types of scenarios such as:

- “What would you do if you couldn’t see me?”
- “What would you do if you don’t see a mom with a child right away after you realize we had been separated?”
- “What would you do if a stranger said you should go with them to find me?”

When you are out and about, practice these tips with your child by asking which of the adults around you he would approach if he were lost.

A Word From Verywell
Simple lessons and periodic reminders can keep your children safe when in public. Review these safety tips as often as you think your child needs to ensure they know what to do if you get separated. Remember to keep things fun, though. It’s a serious subject, but kids tend to retain information if they enjoy learning it.

Worth Repeating:

SUMMER SAFETY:

Summer is at the door step and with it comes the demands of us all to make sure our little ones are properly dressed and know the importance of many of the safety steps they need to keep safe and healthy.

Hydration: It is one of the most important things children (and adults) should take into consideration when being out in the sun and heat. Reminding and prompting our kids to drink plenty of water will help reduce the risk of heat related illnesses such as Heat Stroke.

Summer is just around the corner. This is a great time to have fun, spend some down time and enjoy the outdoors with your child. Here are some summertime safety tips as well as fun ideas to try with your child.

Water Safety
- Take your children on a bathroom break before they get into the water.
- Change swim diapers often and do it away from the water.
- Make sure your child wears a flotation device that is labeled “U.S. Coast Guard approved.”

Teach older children (ages six and older) to use the “buddy system” when swimming with friends.

Sun Safety
- Keep children under 6 months old out of the sun.
- Apply a thick layer of SPF 15 or higher to every area of your child’s body including shoulders, nose, thighs, ears, etc.
- Apply sun block 30 minutes before your child is exposed to the sun. Reapply sun block every few hours.

Remember a hat, loose clothing and sunglasses for your child as well.

Insect Bite Safety
- Use a product that is approved for children.
- Follow the instructions and age restrictions on the container.
- Wash off the insect repellent when you return indoors.

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RESOURCES
Valuable Resources may be found on our website. If you would like to share additional resource information, please contact us at www.seaoflearningpreschool.com

If you have a specific request for information not presented, please don’t hesitate to ask and we will try our best to find or secure the information for you.
• Cover your child’s skin with a long sleeve shirt, long pants, socks, hat, etc.

Avoid using any scented soaps and lotions on your child – they may attract insects.

NOTES of IMPORTANCE:

Sign In: ALL parents “MUST” be signing their child in and out every day! (It is a state law and must be done)

9 am Arrival:
Please remember to have your child here prior to 9 am. Arriving past that arrival deadline may hinder your child’s ability to be cared for. Beyond 9:15 am. If you have not called, your child will not be able to attend or stay without a doctor’s note!

Change of Clothes: All children need a weather appropriate change of clothing, with their names on them.

Blankets: You may provide only one blanket. No pillows are allowed.

We Do NOT serve breakfast: We provide a simple snack at 8:30am. Please do not drop off your children with a Sippy Cup, fast food breakfast or home meals. We are not geared to coordinating breakfast needs. Please make sure your children are nourished before they arrive at school.

Lunch Containers: All such containers, boxes, etc. must have an Ice Pack and the child’s name on it.

Footwear: No flip flops or open toed shoes are allowed.

Toys, Gum & Small Items: Please do not allow your children to come to school with Toys, Gum or small items as they tend to cause a disruption with student behavior and some items pose a safety hazard to your child or others.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE
Services & Functions That Hit Close to Home

Note: If any of our parents out their would like to have their businesses presented in our newsletter, please share your interest with our office and we will make every effort to have them listed.

DONATE: We encourage our parents and the community to donate supplies and materials to the Sea of Learning as these help provide us with the tools to spark the interests of our children in how they express them selves. Empty paper rolls, scratch paper, etc……

SABRINA:
Our continued Prayers for the health of our student Sabrina. When one child is in crisis, it is felt through us all. Prayers for this sweet child.
We hope prayers are answered and that love and support are present in the lives of all those impacted by hardships.

BOYS OF SUMMER