

WELCOME TO TINY TOTS 2017

SUMMER

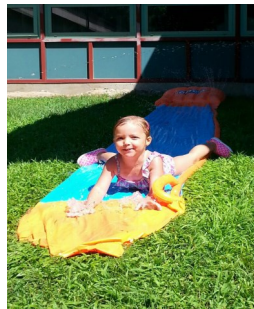
Dear Parents:

My name is Claire DeLaurentis and I am the Director of Tiny Tots summer camp once again this year. I have been part of the Tiny Tots Program for the past 7 years. I am very passionate about teaching and have currently worked in preschool and kindergarten classrooms at a private school in New Canaan, CT. I am thrilled to be the director once again this summer and look forward to working with the staff to make this summer an exciting, and enjoyable experience for each and every camper. We have planned a lot of exciting indoor and outdoor activities that will keep your little one on the go each day. We are also excited that this year's camp will be run from 9:00am - 1:00pm and lunch will be served for campers each day at 11:30am. A weekly menu will be sent home and posted outside my office for you to check. Please feel free to stop in the camp office with any questions you may have. T-shirts will once again be passed out to campers and we ask that they wear them on any special event day at camp. I will also have an information board up as you enter the camp with all the upcoming events, and activities at camp each week.

See you all soon!

Sincerely,

Claire DeLaurentis



We have a very talented and creative staff here at Tiny Tots! All the counselors have experience working with young children in preschool, elementary, or child care settings. This summer there will be more outside play, organized age appropriate gym games, expanded water day activities, and hands on activities with the campers.

Reminders are always helpful whether you're returning to Tiny Tots or joining us for the first time. Here are some things to help make the transition to camp easier:

- Safety is our number one priority at camp and we have specific policies during drop off and pick up to ensure each child's safety. First, we require written and signed drop off/ pick up information in advance. This includes carpooling, babysitter, or play-date permission. Also, if anyone other than yourself is picking up your child, we must have that in writing at DROP OFF. **Permission Slip forms are now available on Page 4 of this newsletter and our website www.stamfordrecreation.com.** Please tell babysitters, grandparents, etc., even your spouse, that until we know them, we will check ID's, so please have a picture ID on hand for pick up time. Without proper documentation/permission forms, we will not release **any child for any reason**. If you need to make last minute arrangements or you'll be late, please contact the Recreation Office and the message will be forwarded to us. We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation for the safety of all our campers.
- Each day your child must be signed in and out of camp in their assigned classroom. I will be in the hall the first day to guide parents to the correct classroom & to collect any permission slips/notes that need to be handed in.
- We provide snack, juice and water daily, so there's no need to bring snacks from home. **We're peanut/ tree nut free in everything we eat and cook.**

Tiny Tots Information



We know that some of our campers are having their first experience separating from Mom & Dad and we're on hand to help with this very big transition. If your child has a tough time separating, please let me know and we can work together to create a happy drop off. Tears can cause a domino effect, so we ask for your help to make the drop off transition as smooth as possible. To establish a solid routine, please walk your child to their class, come in as they get settled, give a big hug and kiss, then promptly leave the class. Each counselor will take those extra steps to ensure your child will be actively engaged and happy in a few minutes. You are more than welcome to wait outside as they get settled or I can call you to let you know your child is fine. We find most tears are short lived, frequently ending by the time you reach your car!

Meet Our Staff!

Tiny Tots Director
Claire DeLaurentis

Superintendent
Laurie Albano

Asst. Superintendent
Scott Kassouf

Recreation Supervisor
Bobby Pentino

Camp Assistant
Zach Wright

Special Ed Supervisor
Jamie Michaels

Camp Counselors

Alyssa Malinowski
Sofia Silva
Jenny Matute
Jaelin Williams
Lilian Prada
Samantha Cuscuna

- **Sprinkler Day Will Be Every Wednesday!** Campers are required to wear their bathing suits to camp. Please send your child to camp **WEARING** their bathing suit **with a full change of clothes and a towel**. Water shoes are a great item to pack for your camper, since the sprinklers will be set up on a grassy area. To avoid changing, we will be playing in the sprinklers just before pick up at the end of the day. This way, campers do not need to worry about changing in or out of their bathing suits. Please pack your child's belongings in a backpack or bag *labeled with his or her name*. We thank you in advance for your help!
- **Newsletters** will be sent home weekly highlighting things we've done, upcoming themes, and any other special events.
- While we try to accommodate every request, we cannot guarantee that specific groups of children will be placed together. We divide the campers into groups by age. Children of different ages requesting to be placed together most likely will not be in the same group. We understand that some preschools offer mixed age classes, but at camp we create groups based on age to best accommodate the needs of every camper.

We build Tiny Tots to be a camp community for all children. Even though your child is placed in a specific age group, all groups come together during the camp day for various activities. We encourage friendship and teamwork. Each session can provide a wonderful opportunity to spend time with new and "old" friends.

If there's anything you need or would like help with, please don't hesitate to ask! Again, the staff and I welcome you to the Tiny Tots Summer Camp! We're so excited for a fun-filled summer!

Claire DeLaurentis
Tiny Tots Director



Just a Reminder:

**Camp hours are Monday through Friday from
9:00 AM - 1:00PM**

**Sign In & Sign Out will be in our child/
children's classroom each day.**

WELCOME TO CAMP!

Tiny Tots Camp Session Dates

Session A: June 26th - July 7th, 2017 (No Tiny Tots Camp on 7/4/17)

Session B: July 10th - July 21st, 2017

Session C: July 24th - August 4th, 2017



Camp Special Events

Once again this summer, every session will end with a *camp special event* on the last Friday of each session. Below are this years events:

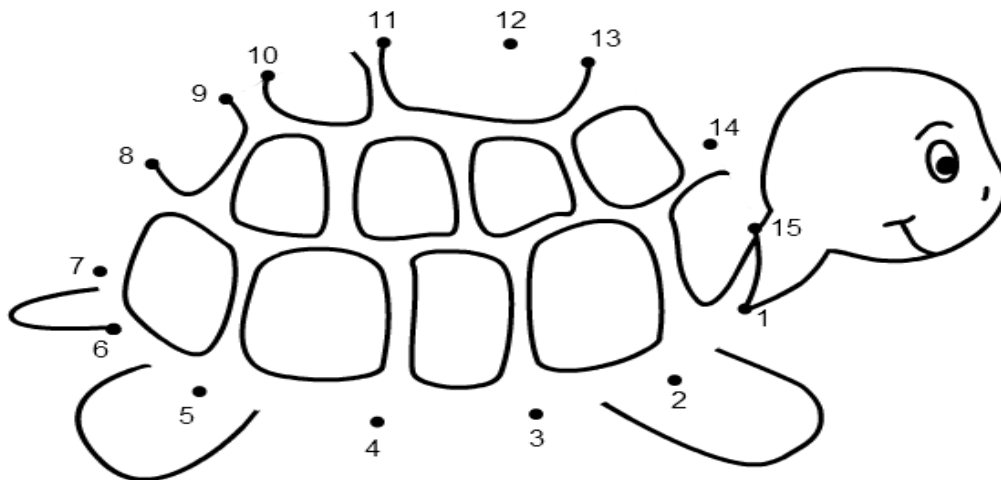
Session A: Jungle Animals - July 7th @ 10:00am

Session B: TFC Konna ICE Truck - July 21 @ 11:00am

Session C: Mr. Bungles Bubble Show - August 4th @ 9:30am



Hey Campers, Finish making this Turtle by connecting the dots!



Tiny Tots Preschool Camp 2017

Permission Slip for Child Pick- Up 2017

The Stamford Recreation Services Division requires all parents/guardians to fill out the following permission slip if your child will be picked up by anyone except the parents. We will not allow a child /children to be released from any playground, activity or day camp program; or preschool program this year to any one besides the parents/guardians, unless the following form is completed and turned into the DIRECTOR. **All persons given permission to pick up the child/children will be required to show a PHOTO I.D.** The department would like to thank you for your cooperation with our system and feel that this will make our summer camp programs safer for your child/children. If you have any questions, please call Scott Kassouf (Asst. Superintendent of Recreation) at 203.977.5018 or speak to the site director.

I _____ give my permission to:

Mr. / Mrs. _____ Dates: _____ Entire summer: _____

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I authorize my child / children, to be picked up from Day Camp/ Playground/Activity Program/Preschool Program by one of the persons above. I realize by signing this permission slip that I am releasing the City of Stamford Recreation Services Division of all responsibilities.

LIST THE CHILD / CHILDRENS NAME:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRESCHOOL CAMP DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

