Preschool Director’s Board Report August 2019

* Our new early childhood consultant came in and observed our Full Day classroom. She gave lots of helpful feedback and was very impressed with what she saw.
* Our School Day class is full and our Full Day class has 3 openings. Hopefully by the end of the week we will be down to 2 openings. We had one very interested family stop by and take a tour recently.
* Nicole and I will attend kid’s day at the Farmer’s Market on August 25. We will have some of the head teachers there to meet prospective families.
* I have been working on calendars for both classes for the upcoming school year. So far we have one field trip booked and multiple in-house programs.
* We have tons of great professional development happening for our teachers this year. Ms. Jen will be attending the NAEYC conference in November. Multiple staff members from both rooms will be attending trainings in STEAM, environmental education, early math concepts, and social studies in the preschool classroom.
* We are also preparing for Staff Development Day. Some topics this year will for preschool will be related to Conscious Discipline, including specific classroom structures. I am working on setting up a skype session or facetime call with a teacher who is implementing Conscious Discipline in their classroom with fidelity. Hopefully this will give our teachers a chance to ask questions about any of the structures and plan to use them successfully in their classrooms this coming year. Nicole submitted a grant to have all of our staff complete the 10-session online course. Fingers crossed we get it!
* I will be attending a series of trainings this fall to further the development of our preschool curriculum.
* Our preschool staff PD plan is complete, I am in the midst of working on evaluations and supporting our teachers with goal-setting for the upcoming year.
* NAEYC requires that we have a developmental screening tool in place. At the end of the School Year we were granted ASQ Kits through the Colchester School Readiness Council. Teachers have begun implementing the ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire) in the full-day classroom. I have been working on aligning the ASQ questionnaires to the CT DOTS Assessment so parents are not being asked to fill out multiple surveys/questionnaires. The ASQ will replace those lengthy booklets that parents had to fill out last year.