Environments that encourage play are environments that are preparing children for kindergarten, future elementary school academics and a love of life long learning. This foundation then supports the house of higher learning. What happens when you build with no foundation? What happens if an area or two (or all) is weak or missing? What happens when there is no room for PLAY in our programs?

Seven Things We Must Do With Children Each Day:

Create
Move
Sing
Discuss
Observe
Read
Play

Check out our updated website at
www.stonybrook.edu/childcare
Hannah’s Room 7 Poem

Room 7 is fun. Room 7 is kind. Room 7 is fun than chocolate milk. Room 7 I love. Room 7 is dove. Room 7 is run. Room 7 is fun. Room 7 has clouds. We make lots of yummy things. Build with blocks, cat in the box.

When the time comes we all go to sleep. We all have to sleep early. Room 7 is fun. Room 7 is fun. I slide on my bum. Make sure to brush your teeth you might get a leaf. Room 7 is fun. Room 7 is bum. Make sure to go to sleep. Your dreams will come true. Nothing is cute. Room 7 is yout. I love pink. Pink is one of my favorite color. Room 7 has lots of kids. Room 7 is is. Room 7 is black. Room 7 is a whack. Room 7 is fun. Room 7 is love. Room 7 gives hugs and kisses.

Safety Notice

Please drive slowly in the parking lot and make sure to park in an appropriate parking space/area. Keep your children close when walking to and from your cars.
Room 8 Update

First we would like to congratulate Danielle Steele on becoming a teacher in our room. She has been a great addition to our team! Stephanie Taormina has been working as a staff replacement for Jackie Ulrich who is on a temporary leave from our room.

Summer has brought many changes in our room. The children have been busy doing lots of outdoor water play. They have been enjoying all of the new sprinklers we have bought! The children have taken numerous trips to the Swing Set Summit. They have been exploring all of the outdoor instruments as well as the new toys and swings that are up there. Some of the other new activities we have been busy with are rock painting, salad spinner art, sound puzzles, making box robots, ice painting, books on tape and building with the new blocks in the multipurpose room.

Our room has seen many changes lately. Welcome to Nathanael, Liam, Sasha and their families to our room. We would like to wish good luck to Michael, Mason, Annabelle, Charlie and Alexis who have moved up or moved on to new and exciting adventures. You will always be part of our Room 8 family!!

We all had a great time at our most recent Potluck. Lots of delicious food and many new friendships were made as well. We will plan another one soon!

Pre-K 3

Pre-K 3 has been busy enjoying the warm weather. We have been playing in our river and keeping cool under the sprinkler. We are happy to report that our corn, pepper, green bean, sunflower and wild flower seeds have sprouted and flourished. We have conducted science experiments on respiration, the rotation of the sun and Mr. True (Ru-Jun’s dad) was kind enough to set us up with fruit flies to investigate. We are thankful to our families for the wonderful turn out and yummy food at our recent potluck dinner. Our evening was made complete with a Pre-K 3 slideshow and a traditional sword dance by Mr. Zhang (Melody’s grandfather). The end of the summer we will be saying goodbye to James, Isabel, Omer, Emma, Emily and Noa. We wish them well with the new and exciting chapters that are yet to come!
Stony Brook Child Care was the recipient of 2 grants this year enabling us to enhance our swing set summit area with more musical instruments and gardening tools as well as building blocks for our multipurpose room. Additionally a parent donation will enable us to turn our conference room into a parent conference/resource room. Look for changes real soon!

On July 12th, 2011, the SBCCSI community came together to thank Dr. Joan Kuchner for her support of our child care program as faculty and Director of the Child and Family Studies Program. Many colleagues, teachers, past students and board members came by to celebrate and reminisce. The center presented Joan with Stony Brook Child Care T-shirts for herself and for her new grandchild. The children in the classrooms made gifts for Joan; posters, books, a framed 3-D collage among them. A hydrangea was presented to Joan so that when she looks at her garden she remembers SBCCSI and how she helped us grow over the years.

Joan has been involved with child care on campus since the early 1980's and has been a vocal supporter of our program and quality early care and education everywhere. Although she is retiring from Stony Brook University she will remain on SBCCSI's Board of Directors as an Emeritus member.
During our recent Staff Development Day, our former Assistant Executive Director, Nutritionist, Nancy Walker MS, RD presented a workshop on healthy options for feeding young children. Here are some suggestions that she has shared with us.

What Parents Should Do:
- Choose and buy food
- Make and offer meals
- Have meals and snacks at regular times
- Don't give children food handouts
- Include children in family meals
- Make foods easy to eat
- Make foods safe
- Let children eat like children
- Let them eat as much as they want
- Make mealtimes pleasant
- Talk and smile but don't be distracting
- Keep mealtimes calm
- Teach children to behave at meals

What children should do:
- Decide whether or not to eat
- Decide how much to eat
- Grow the way nature intended

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Fundraising
- T-shirts are back!
  Order your SBCC shirt in choice of red or grey. Order forms available at the front desk and/or on our website.
- Back by popular demand we will be having a Yankee Candle Fundraiser...Coming This Fall!
- Use goodsearch.com as a search engine and SBCC will receive a penny for each search. Also use goodshop.com to shop online and support the center.
- Order labels, stickies, bag tags, etc at www.stonybrook.mabel.ca and support SBCC.