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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Dinosaurs! 12-6pm, Carlisle Reservation \$3 pp, 3 & under free 	27	28 OECC Preschool Storytime, 10:30am 	29 Preschool Storytime 10-10:45am, \$2 Mercy Health & Rec., Amherst	30	31 Pre-K Dalcroze  11:00-12:00	1 AMAM Community Day Workshop. Art activities for kids - adults, Free, 12-4pm
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9 Dinosaurs! 12-6pm, Carlisle Reservation \$3 pp, 3 & under free 	10 11 Hearing Screenings, ages 4 & 5, provided by Oberlin Hearing Care, @OECC, 9:30-noon	12 Preschool Storytime 10-10:45am, \$2 Mercy Health & Rec., Amherst	13	14 Pre-K Dalcroze  11:00-12:00	14 Pre-K Dalcroze  11:00-12:00	22 
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# HAPPY RETIREMENT

It is bittersweet to announce two retirements at OECC this summer.

Jean Reno will be retiring from her position as infant teacher after thirty-nine years.

Infant attachment is a deep, emotional connection that an infant forms with their caregivers. It is a tie that bonds them together over time and leads the infant to become confident and as a result experience pleasure, joy, growth and learning.

Jean Reno has soothed and comforted hundreds of infants throughout her time at OECC. Now it is time for her to relax. Her hard work, commitment, and dedication are worthy of admiration. Jean will be greatly missed as she retires from OECC on May 31.

Rita Thompson will retire on June 9th after over 25 years of teaching preschool. Teachers are collectors- always on the lookout for supplies and resources. As time passes, their collection grows with the thought "Maybe I can use that next month or next year." Rita will finally be able to stop collecting. Rita dedicated her career to personal growth and crafting her teaching style. We have all benefited from her

knowledge of the Reggio Emilia approach toward teaching young children. Her style has been an inspiration to all. Her contributions to our center were more than just teaching and will always be valued. Rita participated on several committees including the merit, playscape, personnel policies, curriculum, facility steering committee and the Reggio Study Groups. We ask that you join us in wishing Rita well as she starts a new chapter in her life. We know she will be eager to spend time gardening, baking, swimming, crafting, and being with her grandson and family.

We will be hosting celebrations for each of these treasured teachers. More information to come as time draws closer.

