- 1.) Good News! Willard has received notice that we have been allocated \$15,000.00 for the CLC Program and \$9,000.00 for the Preschool and Pre-K Programs from United Way. Yea! This will be a big help. This is a \$2,800.00 increase in funding for the CLC and totally new funding for Preschool and Pre-K. This is a two-year funding cycle so we will receive these amounts each year for the next two years. We will hopefully also receive additional money from United Way designations.
 - On June 21st United Way brought 15 volunteers to the Center to read to the children as part of their Day of Action that is focused on children's literacy. Each child received a free book and the volunteers spent time reading to them and playing games. This is the second year that they have done this and a great opportunity for us to show off our program and the building to community volunteers. I was a great rainy day activity and the kids loved the extra attention and the free book.
- 2.) We have had a couple of building rentals since we opened. The second rental was a large group with a lot of children for a birthday party. I had told them before-hand that they were not permitted to hang anything on the walls. I happened to be here during their party and discovered that they had hung a sign down at the front door directing people to the elevator or stairs with a big piece of packing tape. Of course when I removed it the paint came off. I charged them their rental fee and also kept the deposit. The colored walls in the building have needed constant touch up. Lucky I have been able to do it without it showing.
- 3.) Kim Deveaux, our long time Pre-K teacher, is going on maternity leave as of June 25th. We wish her well and hope that her family enjoys the quality family time at home. The administrative staff will be filling in for her while she is gone. We just hired a preschool teacher to work here at the Center this Fall so she will be helping out also.
- 4.) The Summer Program is going very well. The kids love the new building and the extra space. The parents are loving the security and the program. It is all good!