



Discovery Zone Gazette

Toddler A Heads to Beach

Toddler A will begin the month of July by working on a bulletin board for Independence Day. The children will work on making a flag as well as making handprint flags. Be sure to look in the Big Room for the finished project. Next, the toddlers will start a two week theme on the Beach. Children will use their creativity when making their own beach towels. Science will be explored through a "beach in a bottle" project. Children will enhance their math skills with an ice cream scoop activity. Fine motor skills will be developed when making tissue paper suns and we will discuss the type of weather that is typical for the



summer. Toddlers will also enjoy a "day at the beach" with a picnic snack outside and sprinkler fun!

For the second week of our beach theme, toddlers will create their own sand pictures and their own sea-shells. Children will also have the opportunity to engage in a sensory experience with different sea creatures in the water table. More science skills will be enhanced when the children create waves in a bottle. To end this week, we will have a day to discuss the importance of recycling. The toddlers will help in decorating a box that we will begin to use to recycle after snack and lunch.

To end the month of July, toddlers will have another two week theme on the

zoo. Children will learn all about the various animals that live at the zoo and their characteristics. During this week, children will sponge paint spots onto a giraffe and make zebra stripes with marble painting. They will engage in a sensory experience by making play dough zoo animals. For the last week of July the children will use their fine motor skills by making paper plate lions, stain glass bears and clothes-pin giraffes. They will enjoy another sensory experience when making footprint penguins. Toddlers will also work on their math and cooking skills when making a delicious treat of monkey bread.

Toddler A would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!

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Important Dates:

- DZLC will be CLOSED 7/2 & 7/3 in observance of Independence Day.
- 7/6 Larry the Ventriloquist entertains the children with comedy.
- 7/20 The Amazing Andy returns to amaze the children with his magic and comedic skills.
- 7/27 Jack the Juggler impresses the children with his Juggling skills.

Infants Go Camping

The Infants are going on vacation this month! The first half of July, we will visit the beach. We'll start by making sandals with the children's footprints and yarn. The children will also enjoy sensory experiences as they finger paint beach buckets and make sand castles.

The second half of the month, the Infants are packing up and going camping. The children will paint tents, create a handprint campfire. We will then use our "fires" to roast marshmallows and create s'mores



for a fun sensory activity. The children will also create fireflies in a jar.

The Infant Room would like to extend a warm welcome to Mayli F., Brooke L., Devin B. and their families. We would also like to wish Gavin D. a Happy 1st Birthday!

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Toddler B Gets Sporty

Toddler B would like to wish Happy Birthday to Blain and Mackenzie this month.

Toddler B starts the month off with a bang as we celebrate the 4th of July. We will work on following direction as the children make a red, white and blue snack. At Circle Time, we will practice color recognition and math skills by sorting red, white and blue items. We will also do serration with stars and try some creative painting of fireworks.

For the next 2 weeks, Toddler B will focus on the jungle. The children will be busy learning some new songs

about jungle animals, baking lion cookies, and practice counting with zebra stripes. Math skills will be the focus as the children pattern and match animals. The children will mix black and white paint to make hippos and learn science skills in the process. Toddlers will also create their own animals and discuss how animals adapt to their environments.

Next, Toddlers spend a week focusing on sports. Gross motor skills will get lots of practice as the children bowl and throw and catch balls. The children will paint with a



waffle ball and practice math skills by patterning with sports equipment and sort t-shirts by color.

The last week of July is bound to find us screaming for ice-cream! Toddlers will practice scooping skills and make their own ice-cream. The children will build language skills as they use positional words to appropriately place an ice-cream scoop around a container. The children will use ice-cream containers to build with and syrup and whip cream to paint with. The children will also count scoops of ice-cream. Learning has never been so sweet!

Preschool B Gets Wild in the West

Preschool B will start July by learning about independence Day. The children will make fireworks, create an American Flag with footprints, and parade through the Center for all the classrooms to see.



Next, we will venture to the rootin' tootin' Wild West. The children will enjoy a western themed game

of "red light, green light" and a memory game called "Yippee Ki Yay." The whole class will enjoy rodeo clown faces and learn to square dance as well. Preschool B finishes the week with wild cow tales then creating our own.

The following two weeks will be filled with color. The children will learn the colors of the rainbow then use fine motor skills to create their own rainbows using small pieces of paper. The children will make tie dye shirts while learning science skills as they mix

primary colors to create secondary colors. Language and literacy will be the focus as the children enjoy literature and songs about colors.

Preschool B ends July with a week about wind. The children will learn about and create hot air balloons. The children will have an opportunity to do several science experiments about wind and air. The children will fly kites and make paper airplanes.

Happy Birthday to Kira S. and Jaden V. this month!

Preschool A Goes a Little Buggy

Preschool A would first like to wish a happy birthday to Dylan D. and Mariusz C. this month!

July will begin with a short week about Independence Days. The children will improve patterning skills with stars and stripes and practice fine motor and creative expression with 4th of July windsocks. We will further fine motor skills and color

recognition with "Rip, Crumple Fireworks."

The following two weeks will be all about Summer. The class will work on language and literacy skills with "Favorite Summer" and use creative expression to make a kite. The children will also have a fun science and sensory experience by going on a nature hunt and creating nature rub-

bings. We will practice color recognition with sand painting and coffee filter fun. Preschoolers will work on number and counting skills with "Fish Bubbles." The Summer weeks will end with "Water Day" and the children will enjoy an ice cube pass and sprinkler play.

Preschool A ends July with a two week theme on insects. The children

Center News

Please remember to sign your child in and out EVERY day. Not only is this a state requirement but it is also the tool we use to ensure all children are accounted for in the event of an emergency. Please help us to keep your children safe and accounted for.



Don't forget that tuition is due by 8am Wednesday to avoid a \$20 late fee. This policy also includes vacation weeks. Please leave a check (post dated if needed) PRIOR to your vacation.



Finally, there will be a tuition increase to go in effect 8/31/09. Information regarding the change will be out soon.



Preschool A Continued

will practice creative expression with "Create-A-Bug" and improve shape recognition with "Bug Shapes." Preschoolers will also practice letter recognition with "Bees and B's." The class will improve numerical skills with "Bug Counting" and enjoy a bug hunt.

Throughout the month we will also focus on the letters A, B, and C. We will talk about the letter sounds,

words beginning with each letter and provide activities for the children to explore letters in a variety of ways.

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child in the mornings and DZLC will reapply in the afternoon.



