



Discovery Zone Gazette

Infants fly away!

The month of July was fun and exciting for the Infants! We started off the month with a 'Night and Day' theme. If you noticed we were all



warm in snuggle as we started off that theme in our PJ's!

We practiced our language and communication by singing, "There were Five in the Bed" and reading Nap-time, Lap time. We used our social and emotional skills when we played peek-a-boo and turned the lights on and off. They also really enjoyed our Night/Day handprint project which is hanging in the classroom to show off our sensory for that day.

Next, not only did we get to

learn about water, but we got to enjoy water play outside on the deck. The Infants enjoyed splashing around and doing a finger play to the song, "Water is falling on my head". With that finger play the infants practiced their physical and motor skills as well as being silly! They also got to finger-paint water drops to practice their cognitive development. Those are hung up in the classroom- keep your eyes open!

The last two weeks we learned about airplanes and transportation. We practiced our physical development by guiding the infants arms to "fly" like an air-

plane and by pushing and reaching for the toy cars and planes. The infants experienced social and emotional skills by making transportation noises like, trains, buses and airplanes. We also sung, "The wheels on the Bus" and "The People on the Plane".



During the month of August we will be learning about ocean life! We still have lots more deck days to splash around and enjoy the nice weather!

Happy birthday, in August, to Vanessa! Welcome new families to our classroom!

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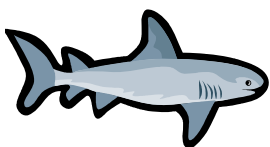
July 2010

Important Dates:

- 8/4- Special at 9:30
- 8/13-Re-enrollment paperwork due
- 8/25-end of summer celebration Toddler/Preschool
- 8/27- camp end of summer celebration
- 8/30- tuition increase
- 8/30-1st day of School

Toddler's take a Swim with Nemo!

July came in with a "BANG", while celebrating Independence Day! The children used fine motor skills to create fireworks using Kooshballs, which was also really cool art work! They made a delicious patriotic snack with blueberries, strawberries, short-cake tarts and cool whip, which focused on math skills and social interaction.



During our ocean theme, the toddlers learned about ocean animals. They used fine motor skills to create "Nemo" the clown fish. They pretended to feed a sharks by using large motor skills to toss bean bags into a sharks mouth. They used creative art skills and followed directions to make jellyfish out of hair gel and sponge painted a blue whale.

The third week of July the toddlers "Went to the Beach". They used fine mo-

tor skills to decorate their own beach towels with



bingo dabbers. They used their sorting skills to sort seashells by shape and color. They played a matching game using shovels and pails where they matched the number of dots on the shovel to the number of dots on the pail to work on their math skills.

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Preschool B Goes to the Zoo!

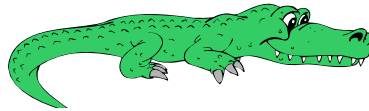
During the month of July Preschool B covered many exciting themes. The first week of July we learned about Crayons and Colors. This was definitely a favorite with the kids. We learned how crayons are made and worked on our listening skills and following directions by making our very own crayons. They also enjoyed reading The Crayon Box that Talked and making a class picture.



The second week of July Preschool B dove into summer! We had a sensory experience by shaping ice cream cones with shaving cream and glue. We also worked on our social skills by

playing a fish and bubble game and an ice cream math match game that worked on our pre-addition and pre-subtraction skills. Preschool B also enjoyed their very own lemonade stand in dramatic play.

The third week of July the kids got wild with theme of Zoo Animals. From Alligators to Zebras the children learned cool facts about all different animals. Do you know difference between a crocodile and alligator? They Do! The children worked on fine motor skills while making diamond lions, spotted snow leopards, and zippy zebras. The children did a great job at zoo keeping as well.



The last week of July our theme was Circus and Shapes. The children enjoyed making patterns and counting out popcorn for our circus popcorn project. They got their brains working with our under the big top activity where they had to pick something that's at the circus and draw it. The children also worked on their 3 point grip by drawing shapes with our circus train project.

During the month of August Preschool B will be learning about space, transportation, science and monsters.



Go 'Under the Sea' with Preschool A

During the month of July Preschool A learned about two exciting weeks of Summer, Nursery Rhymes and then jumped into an Ocean theme!

For the first week of our Summer theme we got to paint with ice cubes and Kool-Aid to make some interesting art. The children liked to watch the changes that happened as the ice cubes melted. To practice using our fine motor skills we decorated our own



butterflies by drizzling colored glue on them. Making watermelon pop-sicles was a very interesting project where the children

used spoons to mash up the watermelon and then put it in a cup. We let them freeze and ate them as a yummy treat!

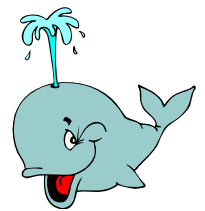
During the second week of our summer theme we painted with blueberries!

Math games, like, counting watermelon seeds were played as well as working on more fine motor skills to create caterpillars by using toilet paper tubes for a stamp. Preschool A enjoyed the water balloon toss the most. They each took turns tossing the water balloons into the bucket and trying not to make them poop!



During our Nursery Rhyme week we read lots of them! The children got to create their own Humpty Dumpty puppets, and then use them in a puppet show, which was their favorite part! For another Nursery Rhyme the preschooler's enjoyed a sensory experience when painting with tea bags. Then to use our imaginations they had their own tea party.

For the last week in July Preschool A went 'Under the Sea'. To start off our two week ocean theme we made our own oceans in a bottle. We made sand castles by painting toilet paper tubes with glue and sprinkling sand on top. We also made whales by using crayons, tempera paint and water, which are hanging in the classroom. To practice letter recognition we drew our names in the sand.



In the month of August we will continue our ocean theme for one more week and then start themes on transportation, opposites and pirates.

Happy Birthday to Caden D, Justin & Aaron in the month of August and welcome to our new families.

Toddler cont.

The fourth week of July the Toddlers went camping. They used fine motor skills to create super s'mores, decorated a backpack with fun camping activities and used sorting skills to sort, tents, lanterns, campfires and fishing into groups.



The last week of July the Toddlers learned about science. They used fine

motor skills to create a magnetic painting. Then they also got to experiment with magnet wands and paper clips.

During Science week the children also got to observe the mixing of colors to create a new one. They participated in helping pour out ingredients into our volcano and watching it erupt! Another fun experiment was our own "Old Faithful" We used Diet Coke and Men-

tos and the children enjoyed watching it shot into the air.



For the month of August we will learn about farm animals, nursery rhymes, 5 senses and pizza party!

Happy Birthday to Aidan in August and Welcome to our new families!

Center News

- Please remember to provide your child with a labeled water bottle. Please make sure that it's specifically for water because the bees love when it's juice!
- If you were given a Care Plan for your child. Please fill out and return ASAP.
- Re-Enrollment for the Fall has been pasted out. The paperwork is due by 8/13.
- New fee's are in effect as of Monday August 30th. If you have any questions about your tuition please ask Amanda.
- Plastic Grocery bags: all classrooms could always use some for messy clothes that have to go home!
- Our college girls will be leaving us to head to school, we thank, wish them luck in the school year and hope to see them next summer! We will be hiring to cover their position. Keep an eye out for new faces that will be introducing themselves to you!



