



Discovery Zone Gazette

Bee-careful these Infants are Learning!

The month of June the infants enjoyed the warm weather so much! The class started the month finishing the theme on Bumble bees. The children learned about insects, ladybugs, camping & Independence Day.

During the bumble bee theme the children worked on their physical development by playing "catch the bumblebee." Infants also enjoyed sensory play as the teachers helped them make bumble bee handprints.



During the insect theme, the infants worked on their language and communication

skills when listening to a bug song and the teachers watched their 'funny face' expressions as they made bug noises at them.



The next theme still had to do with insects...ladybugs! There were many fun things to learn about ladybugs, including, a book 5 Little Ladybugs. The infants also worked on more body awareness when finding and catching the ladybug.

Camping was a very fun theme where the infants looked at, heard & worked on zipping up a zipper. They also used their sense of

touch to make flame finger paintings.

The last theme of the month, which goes into July, is Independence Day.



The infants listened to lots of patriotic songs and waved the American Flag.

Happy 1st Birthday to Brennan. Congratulations to Vanessa who is pulling herself up, Brennan who's now walking and Tiernan who's starting to visit the Toddler Room!

Next month we will learn about water, airplanes and more!

Discovery Zone Learning Center

June 2010

Important Dates:

- 7/14- Special at 9:30 - juggler and comedian
- 7/28- Special at 9:30 - comedic performer

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Toddler's Fly Through Hoops

The Toddler Room would like to welcome Aidan, Connor, Ella & their families! We would also like to congratulate Ava for her potty training success!

In the month of June Toddlers enjoyed themes such as Transportation, Weather, Father's Day, or as we called it "Pop" week and a "Day and Night" theme.



During the transportation theme the

children used their motor skills to fly paper airplanes through hoops, put together train puzzles and do a pretend car wash!

Next, the Toddlers learned about the weather. They used large motor skills to jump on puddles and jump from puddle to puddle. They also mixed food coloring and water and made rainbows for creative expression and fine motor development. Sensory skills were used to finger paint many different storm clouds.

The following theme was "Pop" where the children secretly worked on Father's Day gifts and did projects involving the word "pop." The children decorated pop tarts and glued paper popcorn onto popcorn bags and painted soda pop bottles all while working on creative expression, fine motor skills and math skills.



The last theme of the month was 'Day and Night' where the children decorated sun glasses,

Preschool B Goes on a Picnic

Preschool B started off the month of June with a picnic theme. The children counted out watermelon seeds to relate numbers to quantity. They made paper plate paintings by using mustard and ketchup bottles filled with paint to explore their creativity.



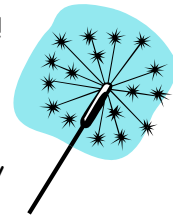
The next two weeks of June preschool B dove into a beach and ocean theme. They made wax paper fish and hair gel, jelly fish using their small muscle skills. They also made octopus and starfish paintings that gave them

a sensory experience. During the third week, the children put together sails boats by using creativity and sponge painting whales to work on small muscle skills.

In the fourth week of June, Preschoolers learned about pirates! This theme was a huge hit with the whole class! They enjoyed using their fine motor skills and creativity to make paper plate pirates, a pirate hat, and even a pirate ship. Walking the plank was a favorite game and lets not forget the exciting treasure hunt!



The last week of June Preschool B welcomed July by celebrating the upcoming holiday...Independence Day! The children enjoyed making a super safe sparklers using their small muscle skills. They also enjoyed using their math skills and following directions to make sugar cookies as a fun holiday treat.



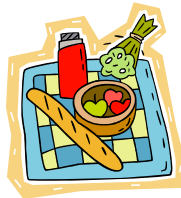
In the month of July the themes will be colors/crayons, summer, zoo, circus/shapes.

We would all like to wish Erin, Tyler and Aidan very Happy Birthdays!

Preschool A Goes 'Under the Big Top'

During the month of June Preschool A learned about picnics, camping, numbers, circus & shapes and Independence Day.

While learning about picnics the children created picnic blankets to practice making patterns. To exercise their imaginations, the children used a picnic blanket to have their own picnic in dramatic play. Preschoolers practiced their counting skills when creating a picnic snack, in which the children counted out the number of foods. Watermelons were also created as the children counted out seeds and stuck them to tissue paper and contact paper.



During our camping week, the children got to enjoy a sensory experience while painting with marshmallows! To use their fine motor skills the children made tie dye coffee filters using eye droppers. The class also made a great camping story while working together at circle time. To practice rhyming, the children played a frog/log rhyming

game where they had to match two pictures that rhymed together.

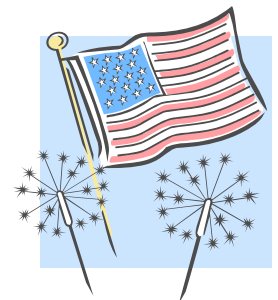
Next was a number theme. Preschoolers practiced lots and lots of counting. To help the children practice writing their numbers, there were also plenty of opportunities to trace numbers. Hopscotch was a fun way to practice counting and number recognition. This not only worked on number recognition but their gross motor skills too. The children looked for number cars, identified the numbers and then put themselves in the correct order.

Next Preschool A went 'Under The Big Top.' The children made some cool cotton candy using cotton balls and liquid paint. The children loved making and eating the rice cake clown faces made of rice cakes, cream cheese and fruit loops. To practice recognizing shapes the children made paper plate clown masks.

To end the month of June and begin July the last theme was Inde-



pendence Day. To use the sense of touch Preschoolers painted with koosh balls to make fireworks, and described what they looked like. While practicing patterns they made red white and blue boats. The children's favorite activity was making special cookies.



They used math skills to put in the ingredients and then watched them bake. After the children each got to decorate their own with white frosting and red, white and blue sprinkles.

During the month of July Preschool A will focus on summer for two weeks, nursery rhymes and the ocean.

Keep an eye out for sprinkler day notices!

Preschool A would like to welcome Nathan, Cameron and their families to our room!

Toddler cont.

finger painted the sun and worked on fine motor skills while decorating moon and stars. The most exciting part of the theme was getting to have a PJ party!



For the month of July the class will have a lot of fun learning about the 4th of July, oceans animals, the beach, camping and science!

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!
- Make sure your child has sun screen on it morning! With these hot days we've been going out earlier (if possible) so that the children can have some fresh air. Also please provide hats if you would like your child to wear one.
- Keep an eye out for daily logs and signs in classrooms to make you aware of your child's classroom sprinkler day!
- Even though summer just started Fall is right around the corner. Please make sure that Amanda is updated on your child's fall schedule and if there are any changes.
- If you were given a Care Plan for your child. Please fill out and return ASAP.

