



Discovery Zone Gazette

Infants Fly Up, Up and Away!

With the nice weather approaching, the infants are now outside playing on the deck and watching the big kids play!

The class started off the month of May learning about flowers. The children practiced physical development by grasping flowers. They enjoyed books such as, "The Tiny Seed" and finished the theme with sensory exploration making flower handprints.

Next, the infants learned about kites. The class read books and sang



songs such as "I Wonder Why the Wind Blows," and "Come Fly a Kite." The children enjoyed finger-painting kites which are hung up around the room and even got to practice their physical development by either reaching, crawling or walking to the kites. Now that they are hung, it's a wonderful thing to look at when the wind blows!

The infants ended the month learning about butterflies and bumblebees. The children practiced language and social skills as they sang songs and read books such as "Flutter Flutter Butterfly," "Butterfly

Moves and "The Bumblebee Song."



The children also got ewy and gooey making butterfly and bumblebee handprints and practiced body awareness by making butterfly movements and "catching" the bumblebee.

For the month of June, the infants will learn about insects, ladybugs and picnics. We will also celebrate Brennan's first birthday! Congratulations to Michayla and Lucas who have transitioned into the Toddler classroom. We know you will do great!

Discovery Zone Learning Center

May 2010

Important Dates:

- Thursday June 17th early dismissal for school age
- Friday June 18th- Camp Discovery Starts-full week the 21st
- June 30th- Special at 11
- CLOSED July 2 & 5

Toddler's Go Under the Big Top!

The toddler room would like to congratulate Rylan and Caitlin on the process of potty training, they are doing great! We also want to welcome Lucas, Connor, Aidan, Michayla and their families to our classroom. We want to wish Jordan a very Happy 2nd Birthday and wish Lauren luck as she transitions to the Preschool room.

The first week in May the children celebrated Cinco de Mayo. The children counted



1-10 in Spanish using language and listening skills. They also got to use their fine motor skills to paint a Mexican flag. They made tacos using math and cooperative skills.

The second week, the children went to the Circus. They used their fine motor skills and took turns making funny clowns. They used their large motor skills to walk back and forth on the

"tight rope." Finally, the children built math skills as they sorted animals from smallest to largest.

During the third week of May, the children went back in time to the prehistoric period and learned about dinosaurs. They used fine motor skills to assemble a t-rex puzzle and they matched colored dinosaurs to their colored eggs. They used fine motor



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and creativity to decorate a "Spectacularsaurus." A classroom favorite song was "Dino Ditty, Ditty Dum Ditty Do."

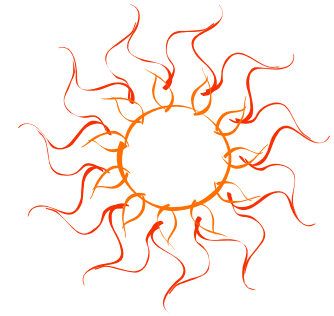
The last week in May, the toddler class was under construction. The children used fine motor skills to decorate wrenches, hammers, and screwdrivers. They matched colored hammers to colored nails and they got creative as they made a blueprint de-

sign of a house by rubbing crayons on a house pattern.

In the month of June the children will learn about transportation, discover different types of weather, "pop" words and learn about day and night.

Just a reminder please put sunscreen on your child before coming to school, we will apply in the after-

noon.



Preschool B is All It's Cracked up to Be!

During the month of May Preschool B enjoyed learning about Nursery Rhymes, Reptiles and Being Active.



Nursery Rhymes was such a big hit that the children had two weeks of it. The first week, the children created their own versions of Humpty Dumpty. This activity allowed them to use vocabulary to create the story as well as creativity to draw a picture to go with it. During the second week, the children enjoyed learning about Peter Piper. They got to smell and take a look inside of the peppers as well as paint with the peppers. These activities allowed the children to engage in

scientific inquiry and to paint using the pepper in a creative way.

Reptile and Amphibian week was so much fun. The children really enjoyed learning the backgrounds of reptiles and amphibians. The chameleon was certainly a classroom favorite. They were able to create their own chameleons using water colors. The class also read "A Color of His Own" and the children used the concept of understanding stories to answer questions



Being Active was all about sports. The children enjoyed making golf balls. They were able to use tees to paint

divets into the golf balls. This allowed them to paint with something new and work on small muscle skills. During this week, the children also participated in Jump Rope for Heart. As a class the children jumped 280 times, great job!

During the month of June Preschool B's learning themes will be: Picnics, Beach, Pirates and the 4th of July!

We would also like to wish Erin, Aidan and Tyler and Happy Birthdays this month, say good luck to Ms. Kaitlynn and welcome Ms. Brittany to the class.



Preschool A Gets healthy!

During the month of May Preschool A's themes were insects, sports, nature and food groups.



To begin the month, Preschool A enjoyed an exciting theme on insects. The children enjoyed making their own giant 'Very Hungry Caterpillar.' The children used creativity and fine motor skills to decorate food and punch holes in it to show what the caterpillar ate. The preschoolers also enjoyed going on a bug hunt where they got to look for different insects and then as a group use social skills to talk about their finds and look it up in a bug book. The children used their imaginations and worked on their 3 point grip to create bugs. The children built fine motor and language skills as they drew a bug and dictated a story about it.

During the second week of May, Preschool A leaped into a theme of sports.

The children enjoyed a sensory experience by painting with golf balls and used creativity to roll the ball and see what it could make! The class also made 3D footballs. They stuffed the ball with tissue paper and used fine motor skills to lace the football closed. To close our sports theme Preschool A had a field day. The children worked on gross motor skills by playing a variety of games such as ring toss, badminton, a mitt and ball game and soccer.

During the third week of May, Preschoolers enjoyed a theme of Nature. The class went on a nature walk and collected items. The class did some bird watching with binoculars during the walk. The class also did a nature rubbing of the items they collected which was a great sensory experience. Another sensory experience was painting with pine needle



paint brushes, it was very sticky! Later in the week the children had a blast making cookies for the birds, using bread, peanut butter and bird seeds.

During the fourth week of May, the children learned all about the Food Groups. The children practiced their fine motor skills by coloring and pasting together cheese burgers. They really enjoyed using math skills and cooperation to make a special treat to eat at snack. Preschool A also enjoyed using creative expression and their imagination to create their own nutritious candy bars, yummy!

During the month of June we will learn about picnics, camping, numbers and the circus.

Happy Birthday to Lilah, Hannah and Sylvia!

Center News

- A reminder to parents for birthday treats. Please remember to send in a healthy snack to celebrate your child's birthday!
- Classroom sign in and out sheets need to have times and initials **everyday**, thanks! Also please do not allow your children to write on the sheets they are kept for our records.
- Mr. Sun is getting stronger as the warmer days approach. Please provide your child with a spray sunscreen and the sunscreen form. Sunscreen should be applied in the morning, before coming to the center, as it takes about 20 mins. to set in.



