



Discovery Zone Gazette

Preschool A is All About Friendship

Preschool A would first like to welcome Elle G., Hunter B., Griffin T., Austin C., and their families to our class.

Preschool A will start the month of September with a 2 week theme about family and self. The children will improve spatial awareness skills with self portraits and measuring skills with a growth chart and family sizing. Preschoolers will also work on literacy skills with name writing and family stories. The class will enjoy an art project with picture frames and a sensory experience with "Hidden Families." Counting skills will be improved with family trees and birthday cakes.

The third week of September Preschoolers will learn about pets. The children will practice shape recognition with "Shape Pets" and improve patterning and sorting skills with "Dog Food." Preschoolers will also enjoy a sensory art project by making fish tanks and be introduced to our new "class pet" which is a stuffed animal who will make weekend trips with the children of Preschool A.

The next week will be all about friendship. The class will practice teamwork and empathy while creating a friendship quilt and improve fine motor skills by making friendship bracelets. We will enjoy helping others and cre-

ating art by making pictures and helping teach our Toddler friends. The children will improve self image with "I'm a friend."



Throughout the month we will focus on the letters A & B. At the end of the 2 weeks about each letter we will have a Show and Share Friday. Please help your child to choose an item from home that begins with the letter of the week. Please keep in mind that the children will share these items.

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Important Dates:

- 8/31 Tuition Increase begins.
- 9/1 First day of school for School Agers
- 9/7 DZC CLOSED in observance of Labor Day
- 9/30 Trash to Tunes will educate the children on creating and using instruments made from recycled materials

Infants are the Apples of Our Eyes

The Infant Room starts off the month with "A-Peeling" apple activities. During circle time the children will enjoy the story of Johnny Appleseed and have an opportunity to get messy with an applesauce sensory project. The children will also explore apples as they make apple prints. The children will



also create an apple orchard for the board in the "Big Room."

Get ready to blast off because next the Infants will explore outer space. The Infants will enjoy looking at pictures of space through flash cards and literature. The children will also have opportunities to create 3-D stars, finger-paint aliens, constellations and color planets.

As the end of September nears, the Infants will begin fun, fall activities with scarecrows, hay, and leaves.

The Infant Room is happy to welcome Madeleine V., Trenton K., Alex C., and their families to our class.

Happy First Birthday to Emerson! And best wishes to Ms. Heather who is due 9/18. Can't wait to meet the newest member of the DZLC family!

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Learning "Shapes" Up in Toddler A

Toddler A begins the month of September with a week theme on "All About Me." The children will enjoy a sensory experience with an activity of fingerprints. They will then enhance their scientific knowledge as they trace their bodies then use all their senses to explore. Spatial awareness will be developed when the Toddlers create their own paper plate faces. Communication and language will be worked on as the children build a house. Lastly, Toddlers will have to work together to create a person.

Throughout the second week of September, Toddler A focuses on friend-

ship. The children will enjoy sensory experience as they make a friendship wreath out of handprints. Creativity will be expressed when the children each make a quilt square which will be assembled into a friendship quilt. Math and cooking skills will be enhanced as the children make friendship bread. At the end the week, Toddlers will have to use their cognitive and fine motor skills to create a friendship tree.

Next, Toddler A heads to the farm. Science skills will be developed as the children discuss the different types of food animals eat. Fine motor skills

will be enhanced through cow marble paintings. The children will enjoy a gross motor activity with a parachute and some farm animals. The children will use their creative expression as they have the opportunity to act out several animals that live on the farm. Toddler A ends the week taste testing foods grown on the farm.

To finish the month, Toddler A will learn all about shapes. The children will have a science and discovery activity when they use eyedroppers and water to make circles. They will then be able to use a magnifying glass to enlarge and examine their work.

Toddler B Digs Dinosaurs

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Nigel C. this month. Parents, please remember to send water bottles or sippy cups through out September as the weather can still be quite warm at times.

Toddler B begins the month with a unit on "Back to School." We will focus on how the children are growing and the typical daily routine. Pictures will be taken of the children doing many activities throughout the day then posted for all to see. The children will be encouraged to name friends and activities to increase vo-

cabulary about school life.

Next, Toddler B will focus on Lizards. The children will work on color recognition as they match the reptile to the leaf. The children will enjoy a sensory project as they create bumpy scales on a lizard. Toddlers will also build number awareness as they count flies on a lizards tongue.

Next, Toddler B will become paleontologists as they study dinosaurs for two weeks. The children will make dinosaur footprints



and dig up bones to create a skeleton. The children will enjoy science exploration as they create a volcano then watch it erupt. Toddler B ends the unit with a math and science activity of baking dinosaur cookies.

The last week of September will be all about apples. Math skills will be built as the children count apple seeds and language skills will be enhanced with a variety of apple finger plays and songs. The children will taste test different apples then conclude the month by baking an apple pie.

Preschool B Heads Back to School

The weather is cooling down and big yellow school buses have been spotted...it must mean it's time for back to school! Preschool B starts September with a two week theme on back to school basics. During this time we will review many skills that will help us be successful throughout the year including counting, letter recognition, shapes, colors, cutting,

writing and more. Preschoolers will work on shape recognition while creating a mosaic of shapes. The children will also review the letters in their names as well as properly spelling them. Preschoolers will also review the alphabet daily at Circle Time and continue counting days on the calendar both in English and Spanish. The children will continue to build

fine motor skills as they cut shapes and letters.

Next, Preschool B will get to know each other better with a one week theme on "All About Me." The children will be encouraged to discuss similarities and differences among peers including family members and pets. During the week we will have a family project where parents are

Preschool B Continued

encouraged to work with their child to create a poster that describes the child through art, pictures, language, etc.

Finally, Preschoolers end September with a one week theme on language and literacy. During this week, the children will hear a variety of books then further their understanding of the story through an activity. After reading "My Daddy is a Pretzel," the children will enjoy a gross motor activity of yoga. "The 3 Bears" will be

followed with a science and cooking experience of making yummy porridge.

Preschool B is happy to welcome Amelia O., Grace C., Spencer F., and Yanni N. and families to our class.



Center News

Please remember to update your child's cubby with extra clothes. We also recommend to keep an extra sweatshirt or light jacket at DZLC for the cool fall mornings.

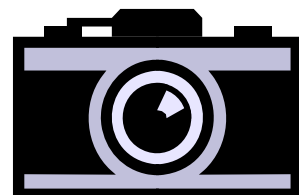


Please continue to send your child (ren) with a water bottle daily. The weather often continues to be warm well into September and we want to make sure the children stay hydrated while playing outside.



Construction on the new building continues and we plan on being in the new building by 11/2/09. Check out our photo gallery for updated pictures of the project.

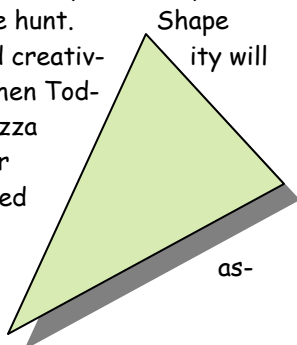
Don't forget to visit the photo gallery on the website frequently to see photos of your child(ren) at play and learning at DZC.



Don't forget that tuition is due every Monday morning. Tuition received after 8 am Wed. will be considered late and subject to a \$20 late fee.

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The children will then work on identifying different shapes as they embark on a shape hunt. Shape recognition and creativity will be enhanced when Toddlers create pizza art. Fine motor skills will be used to make circle prints with an



sortment of objects. The children will also be encouraged to create an animal from shapes.

Toddler A would like to welcome Brendan C., Kyle D., Karl G., and their families to our class. Best wishes to Yanni N. and Hunter B. in Preschool we know you will do great!



