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Let's Celebrate

Independence Day
Saturday, July 4th



July Class Themes of the Month

**Dreamers ~ Theme: Water Babies**

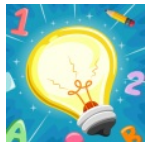
It's never too early to "get your feet wet", so babies will enjoy all of these summer fun activities. They will be learning about things that go, making land and water books, and even immersing themselves in body painting. Our Brain Power activities include Sink and Float, water painting, and Fourth of July Jell-O. The nursery rhyme of the month is *Jack and Jill* and our key experiences center around movement and music.

**Travelers ~ Theme: Dip, Dive, and Dig**

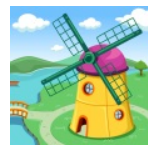
Would you rather dip, dive, or dig? Travelers will be doing a little bit of everything with a great reward of creating their own sundaes at the end of the month! Summertime is the time for games and traditional vacation activities. We will take Circle Time outside, read, paint, and play games in the patio shade. The nursery rhyme of the month is *Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling*, and our key experiences focus on communication.

**Adventurers ~ Theme: Bubbles, Bears, Blocks, and Boxes**

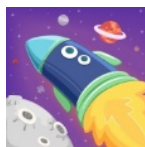
July will be a busy, busy, month in the Adventurer classroom. We have selected lots of wonderful books about bears and bubbles, too! We will be talking about what good friends do and we will learn about the Fourth of July. The nursery rhyme of the month is *Three Blind Mice; Revised* and our key experiences focus on exploring objects, early quantity and number, communication and language, and movement.

**Discoverers ~ Theme: Birthdays, Booms, and Bangs**

Did you know that only the birthdays of royalty were celebrated first? That is why wearing birthday crowns is a tradition. We'll celebrate birthdays throughout the month while weaving key experiences into art, music, literacy, and movement activities. As for booms and bangs, our Fourth of July activities have that covered! The rhyme of the month is *London Bridge* and our character-building word of the month is Responsibility.

**Voyagers ~ Theme: Balloons, Bottles, and Beach Balls**

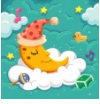
Have you ever wanted to ride in a hot air balloon? We may not be able to provide the real thing, but we can pretend and read about the adventures of those who do travel in balloons through the skies! July will be filled with cool summertime activities that will keep Voyagers challenged and curious. Our character-building word of the month is compassion and our key experiences focus on language and literacy, classification, creative representation, and numbers.

**Explorers ~ Summer Camp: The Magnificent World of Legacy**

Campers will go on an adventure to explore the magic of movie making, learn about the animation process, and even make their own movies! They will journey through a world of jungles, islands, and oceans to discover the beauty of nature and other cultures. Their wildest imaginations will come alive as they become designers, engineers, and entrepreneurs in a world of their own fantasy and creation.

July

Dreamers



Math- Students will learn about the mathematical concept of “more”. They will also have the opportunity to build number awareness with counting, focusing on the numbers one and two.

Science- This month, Dreamers will have the opportunity to explore their sense of touch and discover that they can make things happen and solve simple problems.

Social Studies- Dreamers will strengthen their emerging sense of self and others and foster a positive identity.

Travelers



Math- This month, our math lessons will include shape sorting and learning about the mathematical concept of big and small.

Science- Travelers will focus on the concept of sink vs. float and discovering the characteristics of “nighttime”. We will reinforce that the moon means nighttime and the sun means daytime.

Social Studies- Toddlers will learn about the community in which they live and learn about emotions to strengthen their sense of self and others.

Adventurers

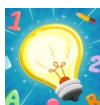


Math- Our math lessons will include color identification and shape identification. Children will focus on the primary colors and circles, squares, and triangles.

Science- Adventurers will learn about fish habitats and why they have to stay in water to survive. They will also explore color mixing and which colors we mix to make green, purple, and orange.

Social Studies- These activities will focus on giving children opportunities to be a part of the classroom community so that each child feels accepted and gains a sense of belonging. They will also learn about emotions and how to be a good classmate.

Discoverers

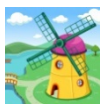


Math- This month, Discoverers will focus on building our understanding of numbers and their relationships to object quantities. We will also explore recognizing patterns.

Science- We will be discovering rockets this month! They will get to make their own straw rockets and see how far they can go. We will also learn about volcanoes and create our own lava eruption!

Social Studies- Children will learn about the community they live in and learn about why we celebrate Independence Day. They will also learn about the Pony Express and how our mail system worked way back when.

Voyagers



Math- This month, Voyagers will learn about the number of stars on flags past and present.

Science- This month, we will learn about gravity and experiment with defying it. We will also learn about galaxies and make our own galaxy bottles.

Social Studies- Children will participate in creating a classroom constitution, allowing them to contribute to the wellbeing of their classroom. They will also learn about the past and the way of life when televisions and refrigerators did not exist.

The Benefits of Gardening for Children

Many Legacy Academy centers have garden areas for children to explore. Gardens and growing plants can provide many benefits for children. Children can strengthen developmental skills, have fun, and produce something beautiful (and edible!). Starting a garden at your home can instill these benefits and provide weekend or evening family activities.

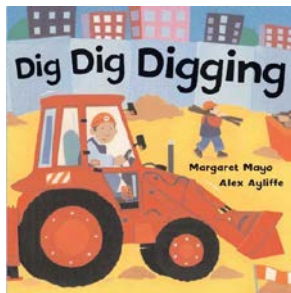
A garden can serve as an interactive playground for children that will engage all of their senses. They can touch and feel soil, plants, and water and observe, feel, taste, and smell the fruits of their labor. This wholistic engagement will encourage children's curiosity and passion for the Earth, science, and even food. A garden does not have to be large and it does not even have to be outside! Involving children in the growing process of any plants around your home will provide them all of the listed benefits below:

- A sense of responsibility when caring for a plant
- Children will feel a sense of intrinsic self-confidence and accomplishment
- Cause and Effect
- Patience and delayed rewards
- Curiosity in science concepts such as species, sunlight, how plants grow, etc.
- Gardening encourages physical movement and can strengthen children's overall health as well as their motor skills
- A love of nature
- Teamwork and family bonding
- Children will explore math concepts when counting days, measuring soil and water, measuring plants' growth, etc.
- Growing your own food encourages children to eat healthy foods. Children are more likely to try new foods if they grow them themselves!
- If you choose to compost, children will be introduced to chemistry concepts
- If your garden is outside, children will be introduced to meteorology by monitoring the weather and its effects on the garden

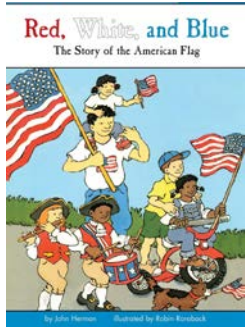


We recommend beginning with fast growing plants to provide children with quicker rewards to start with, such as marigolds, lettuce, beans, and carrots. You can then move to plants that may take longer to grow as children build their interest and curiosity. When gardening, children will receive many benefits that can last a lifetime!

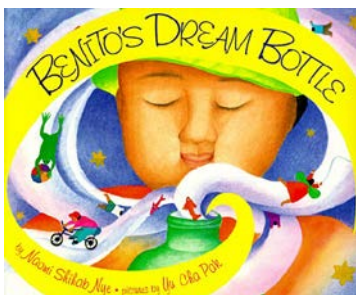
July Books



Dig Dig Digging
By: Margaret Mayo



Red, White, and Blue
By: John Herman



Benito's Dream Bottle
By: Naomi Shihab Nye

Rainbow Excavation Activity

Supplies

Water
Different Color Ribbon,
Safe Excavating Tools
Bottle of Warm Water



Directions

1. Add different color ribbon in strips to create a rainbow in a large bowl of water. Freeze until solid.
2. Use a bin to contain the melting water as the activity progresses. Give your child safe excavating tools like tweezers, safety scissors, child sized shovel, child safe (plastic) hammer, tongs, wooden spoon, paint brush, etc.
3. **Excavate!** Let your child explore how to break down the ice and get the ribbons out! **Supervise closely** as there are many small pieces. Squeeze bottles of warm water help speed up the process or do this activity outside and let the sun help melt the ice.

Extend the activity by asking your child what they think will be the most effective in getting their ribbons out ★ Ask them why they think the ice is melting or what they can do to help the ice melt faster ★ Discuss the different colors and if the ice distorts their view of the ribbon at all ★ Try repeating this activity over and over again with different toys ★ Try this activity with dyed water to see how the colored ribbon looks when frozen in different colors!

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