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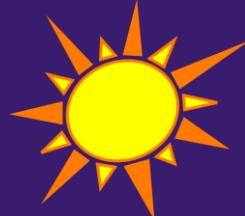
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A Newsletter for Families

June 2021



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are SUPER excited to kick off this years Summer Camp Program! This year's theme is GAME ON! Campers will maneuver the 10 levels (weeks) through invention, discovery, construction, creativity, and teamwork. Please see a member of management for more information!

We recently sent out a survey to get your feedback on current COVID restrictions. If you did not get the opportunity to complete the survey and would like to do so, please see a member of management. Your input and feedback will be taken into great consideration as we begin to transition to a sense of normalcy. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us provide the best care we possibly can!

Happy Birthday To Our June Friends!

*Ixchell P. 6/15
Jayden T. 6/15
Avery B. 6/17
Benjamin H. 6/18
Scarlett C. 6/22*

Take a Peek Inside

From the Desk of...

- Framework for Their Future® ~ June
- Enhanced Learning ~ June
- Summer Camp ~ June
- Family Time: The Benefits of Outdoor Play
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Let's Celebrate

First Day of Summer

Sunday, June 20th

Father's Day

Sunday, June 20th



June Class Themes of the Month



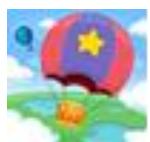
Dreamers ~ Theme: Dreamers in Never Never Land

Our rhyme of the month is Hey Diddle Diddle, which will delight all. Grab your rattles, bears, and dolls, we're going on a picnic and waiting for you! We'll delight in Father's Day while coming up with special ways to honor our daddies. With lots of imitating and pretending, we continue to guide the school-home learning connection. Outdoor play, projects, movement, we cover it all.



Travelers ~ Theme: A Visit to Wonderland

Grab your magic wand and get ready for a grand month! The children will enjoy the characters and fantasy to explore fairy tale favorites. The children will explore initiative, learn to distinguish "me" from others and explore how things are the same or different. These and so many other key experiences will support your child's early learning adventures in our Traveler's classroom.



Adventurers ~ Theme: A Visit to Mother Goose Land

This is going to be a great month in the Adventurers classroom. Key experiences include early quantities and numbers, communication and language, and, of course, plentiful movement and music. A focus on listening skills will ensure your little ones utilize those skills as best they can—an important lesson of perseverance that will carry them through their entire lives.



Discoverers ~ Theme: A Visit to the Hundred Acre Wood

Characters will provide art, music, language, and literacy along with games and super snacks. We'll make time for camping out and learning about woodland animals. Children will enjoy naptime in sleeping bags and snacks that typically go along with a camp out. What did you do in summertime when you were three? We hope it was at least half this fun!



Voyagers ~ Theme: Through the Looking Glass

Your child's classroom is "buzzing" with summertime fun. With opportunities to investigate ants, mosquitoes, fireflies, and other creatures, children will develop an awareness of insect characteristics. They will also enjoy acting out fairy tales while planning a "Little Theatre" so they can dramatize the stories read to them in addition to learning about the American flag and Father's Day.



Explorers ~ Theme: Game On!

The summer adventure begins! Campers will traverse new worlds and tackle challenges as they work to defeat the game. They will explore games, create delicious dishes, design and test structures, and explore science as they maneuver the first five levels of the game.

June

Dreamers



Math- This month, children will be exposed to colors and shapes as they go on a treasure hunt for shapes and explore Never Never Land!

Science- Dreamers will use their sense of hearing with Tinker Bells. They will explore with their sense of sight as they see all the sights on the way to Never Never land.

Social Studies- June's Social Studies Enhanced Learning lessons will help children with self-recognition and they will practice sharing with friends.

Travelers



Math- This month, the Jr. Toddlers will work on color recognition as they help the White Rabbit make his very important date on time!

Science- Toddlers will join Alice for a sensory tea party to explore liquids versus solids.

Social Studies- Jr. Toddlers will learn about the differences between school and home and work and home for their parents. They will also learn about mothers and babies in the animal kingdom.

Adventurers



Math- Adventurers will work one-to-one correspondence as they help Jack and Jill up the Hill. They will work on shape recognition as they help Little Bo Peep find her Shape Sheep!

Science- Sr. Toddlers will learn about their ears and their functions and they will try to help Humpty Dumpty stay on the wall by building the strongest foundation.

Social Studies- Adventurers will explore different family roles and learn about different family structures. They will also learn about traffic lights and why they are so important.

Discoverers



Math- Discoverers will join Pooh as they hunt for different amounts of honey pots. They will also work on their counting skills as they count the trees in the Hundred Acre Wood.

Science- 3-year olds will learn about living versus non-living things as they explore the Hundred Acre Wood. They will also use their senses to explore honey's characteristics.

Social Studies- This month, Discoverers will learn about the importance of taking care of the Earth and learn about different family roles and structures.

Voyagers



Math- Voyagers will work on shape and number recognition and differentiation as they look for both through the Looking Glass! They will also strengthen their pattern making skills as they create Queen of Hearts Patterns.

Science- 4-year olds will become scientists as they explore and record their findings on a nature walk. They will also use their scientist skills to make a hypothesis about the outcomes of science experiments.

Social Studies- This month, Voyagers will learn to identify the planet, country, and state they live in. They will go to a Job Fair to learn about different professions and try to figure out what they want to be when they grow up.

June

**Week 1: Game On!**

Level one is all about the game. While learning about the summer game, campers will play board games, explore character design, create their own games, play giant versions of familiar games, and bring a board game to life!

**Week 2: The State of Stability**

In level two of the game, campers will explore engineering by experimenting with strong shapes, distinguishing various types of bridges, competing in bridge building challenges, designing and testing structures, and participating in large scale building.

**Week 3: Culinary Commonwealth**

Campers will explore all facets of food and cooking during level 3. Children will investigate the food guide pyramid, participate in blind taste tests, experiment with the science of food, learn about taste buds, and complete in cooking challenges.

**Week 4: The Marvelous Realm of Magnets**

Level four gives children a closer look at physical science through studying and experimenting with magnets. This week campers will discover the physical phenomenon of magnetism, create magnetic slime, bring science to art, build and manipulate magnet powered cars.

**Week 5: District of Disaster**

This week campers will extend their knowledge of natural disasters. They will discover the science behind avalanches, explore hurricanes, construct shelters, create tornados in a bottle, build volcanos, and discuss basic emergency safety skills.

What are the benefits of outdoor play?

It invites children to learn science. Children are natural explorers and discoverers so there is no need to plan for outdoor science. Let your children make discoveries and bring them inside for further exploration. Add early literacy to the mix while building children's vocabulary and knowledge with picture books such as *The Carrot Seed*, by Ruth Krauss and *Growing Vegetable Soup*, by Lois Ehlert.

It creates opportunities for social interaction and collaboration. Outdoor play provides a chance to practice social and emotional skills with other children, including problem solving, turn taking, encouragement, self-control, safe risk taking, and following the rules of a game. Outdoor play also provides opportunities to develop empathy; for example, imagine one child encouraging another to try the slide at the park or a child comforting another who has fallen down while running.

It promotes physical health. Outdoor play is a great way to model the joy of physical activity. When children run, jump, climb, throw and kick balls, and ride toys that require balance, they build gross motor skills and start developing a habit of being active.

It invites new contexts for learning. There's great value in looking at books about nature under the shade of a tree, pouring (and splashing!) water at an outdoor water table, and playing pretend on a playground structure. To make the most of your outdoor time, think about creative, joyful, engaging activities that capitalize on your child's need to move and enthusiasm for doing so.

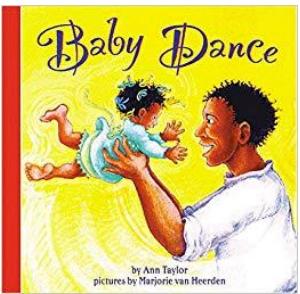
It promotes better sleep. A study of 2-to 5-year-olds showed that children who play outdoors sleep better. This is attributed to the physical activity, stress reduction, and exposure to natural light that come with playing outdoors.

It gives children a chance to take appropriate risks. Playing outside provides opportunities to run faster, climb higher, jump farther, and more all under the watchful eye of a caring adult.

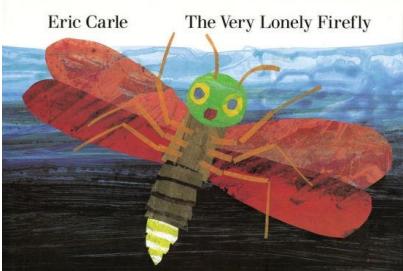
It supports STEM skills. Remember making mud pies and forts when you were a child? The outdoors is the perfect place for big (and messy) projects that support STEM skills such as building, sand and water play, and investigations of the natural world. Almost any indoor activity can be brought outside for further exploration.

It anchors children to the real world. Talking with your child about an illustration of a bird in a picture book is good, but sharing the book and the experience in the real world is even better: "I wonder what that robin is looking for in the grass? Oh, look! It got a worm!" Children develop more comprehensive knowledge about their world when they have a chance to watch, observe, predict, and learn in the moment.

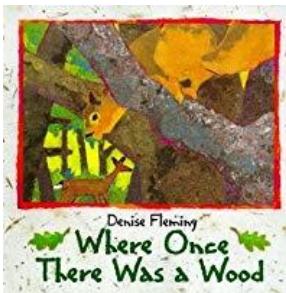
June Books



Baby Dance
By: Ann Taylor



The Very Lonely Firefly
By: Eric Carle



Where Once There Was a Wood
By: Denise Fleming

Ice Chalk



Supplies

1 cup Cornstarch
1 cup Water
Food Coloring or
Washable Paint
Ice Cube Trays

Directions

1. Mix cornstarch, water, and plenty of food coloring or washable paint. Encourage your children to help you measure, mix, and add colors!
2. Pour into Ice Molds. Using different shapes like stars adds extra fun to the activity.
3. Place the ice molds in the freezer. Encourage your child to make predictions about how long it will take to freeze, and check periodically with your child to see if they were correct!
4. Go Outside and Draw! Make sure you wear play clothes that you are okay getting dirty! Encourage children to draw what their imagination inspires them to. Children can also make sculptures with the ice and watch it melt!

Extend the learning by creating an experiment to see what parts of the sidewalk or driveway cause the ice to melt faster and ask your child to explore why this happens.

* Have fun cleaning up with a water hose and watch the paint melt away *

Picture and activity from: <http://www.readingconfetti.com/2013/05/ice-chalk.html>