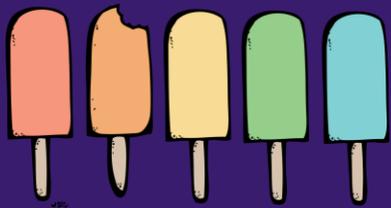




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A Newsletter for Families
July 2021



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Governor’s new Executive Order dated June 15, 2021, removed many social distancing restrictions. We recently sent out a survey to families to receive feedback on how to move forward through the changes. With the parent responses taken into consideration, updates have been made and restrictions have been lifted and were detailed in a letter to parents and guardians. As a reminder, a few of the updates are listed below. If you did not receive a letter announcing the upcoming transitions, please let a member of management know. Should you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of management.

1. Parents are welcome back into the building and classrooms!!
2. Check In/Out Procedure at check station will resume.
3. Please remember to wear a mask while inside the facility.
4. Any newly added Summer Camp field trips will be limited to outdoor field trips.
5. We will resume eating in the café area. Age groups will use a staggered schedule to transition them into the routine. Please see a member of management or your teacher for the updated mealtimes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- WE WILL BE CLOSED **JULY 5TH** IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY
- GA PRE-K REGISTRATION WILL BE *JULY 20, 21, AND 22*

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Let’s Celebrate

Independence Day
Sunday, 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.

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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.

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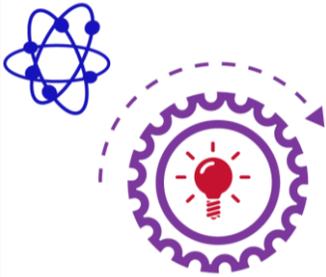
Week 6: The Empire of Entertainment

In level six of the game, campers will explore the world of entertainment. Children will practice their storytelling skills, act out familiar stories, work on basic animation, create and perform in our very own variety show.



Week 7: Dino Quarry

Level seven gives children a closer look at paleontology. Campers will participate in dino races, create fossils, explore what teeth tell us about dinosaurs, hatch dinosaur eggs, and try their hand at dinosaur naming.



Week 8: The Inlet of Innovation

Campers will exercise their creativity thinking during level eight as they investigate modes of transportation, simple machines, famous inventors and inventions. All leading up to designing and building a transportation system.



Week 9: Water World

This week campers are sure to get wet as they take a deep dive into the world of water. Children will experiment with water in different forms, learn about tsunamis and the power of water, and explore water flow.



Week 10: Treasure Hunt Territory

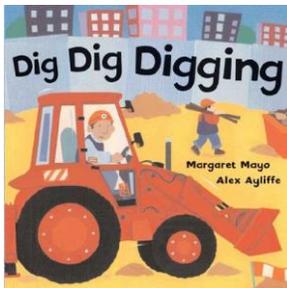
Level ten will stretch the cognitive muscles of campers as they work together to unlock the final level of the game. This week children will write and solve clues, practice code writing, sharpen their observation skills, and solve puzzles.

Baking Math For Families

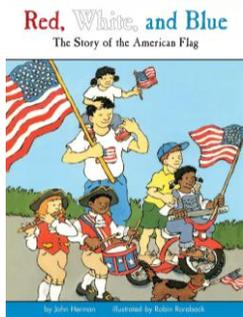
Baking is an excellent way to introduce and reinforce basic concepts of mathematics. Baking exposes children to skills such as comparison, counting, fractions, and measurement. Bake together and build math skills with these 10 baking habits:

1. **Pick an ingredient your children have read about** (apples, blueberries, carrots, butter, zucchini). Ask children “What shapes do you see?” Bake waffles, pancakes, bread, and pizza.
2. **Choose a recipe with simple ingredients and 1, 2, 3, directions.** Recipes at HomeBaking.org and KidsaCookin.org (Spanish or English) are a great start.
3. **Read the recipe, top to bottom.** Read aloud ingredient names, amounts needed, oven temperature, baking time, and steps, beginning to end.
4. **Ask, “What ingredient is used in the smallest amount?”**, “Which is the largest amount?”, “Is there more flour than sugar or butter?”
5. **Find each ingredient and place it on the counter.** Ask your child to help put the ingredients in the order they will be used.
6. **Offer children under age 2 the dry measuring cups to use as stacking cups.** By age 3, they can hand you “the littlest cup,” ($\frac{1}{4}$ cup), the “medium-sized cup” ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup) or, you can ask, “Which cup has a 3 on it ($\frac{1}{3}$ cup)?” Help children fill the cups and level the measure off. Let them add the ingredients to the mixing bowl.
7. **Bake the same-sized cookies, muffins, and loaves.** This isn’t just to avoid fights over the biggest cookie! Help 4-year-olds work on hand–eye coordination by scooping batter or dough. Ask them to guess why all the cookies or muffins on one pan need to be equally spaced and the same size. (All will bake the same—if some are big and some small, the big ones might be raw while the little ones could be burnt.)
8. **What is a fraction—or part of a cup?** Have your 5-year-old measure two $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of flour and transfer flour to the 1 cup measure. Show them that “1 over 2” is $\frac{1}{2}$ cup; if the $\frac{1}{2}$ cup is used twice it will equal 1 cup. This may be done with $\frac{1}{4}$ (four $\frac{1}{4}$ cups = 1 cup) or $\frac{1}{3}$ (three $\frac{1}{3}$ cups = 1 cup).
9. **Check the oven**—Ask if it is empty. “How many racks are in it?” , “We will use the middle rack, which one is that?” Heat the oven to the temperature in the recipe; have your older children match the oven degrees in the recipe to the oven dial or toggle up to the degree number. Remind your children: ONLY adults should load and remove pans from a hot oven.
10. **Get a simple food scale.** Help older children weigh their pancake, muffin, or bread serving to see its net weight. “Is it 1 ounce?” That’s one serving. “Does it weigh more?”, “How many bread servings is your pancake?” Weigh the ingredients after measuring them. See if your child can get 1 cup of flour to weigh 4.25 ounces three times in a row!

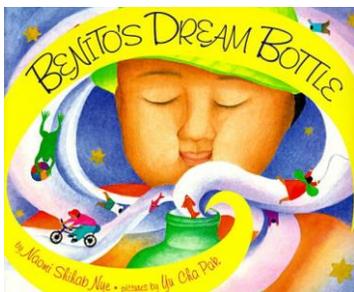
July Books



Dig Dig Digging
By: Margaret Mayo



Red, White, and Blue
By: John Herman



Benito's Dream Bottle
By: Naomi Shihab Nye

Sink and Float with Nature

Supplies

Storage Bin
Water
Collection of Items
from Nature
Paper
Writing Utensils



Directions

1. Take a nature walk to collect items. As you gather materials, think about different textures, colors, and sizes. Include leaves, flowers, twigs, stones, and other items that catch your child's eye.
2. Fill a storage bin with water (about halfway full).
3. Place collected items one at a time in the water and observe whether each item sinks or floats. Older children can make predictions before each item. Write their predictions down and compare the results of each item tested.

Extend the activity:

Engage in meaningful conversation: name colors, count items, and draw attention to specific details or events.

Drop materials from above the bin to see if they make a splash.

Swirl the water with your hands to see which materials move around.

Sort the materials according to which ones sink or float, as well as by size, from smallest to biggest.

Activity and Photo from www.myboredtoddler.com