



Discovery Zone Gazette

Toddlers Head to the Farm

The Toddler Room would like to congratulate Lexie on potty training. We would also like to wish Happy Birthday to Dane and Caid T. this month.

For the first week of August the Toddlers will head "Down to the Farm." The children will enjoy a sensory experience of sponge painting a pig, learn cooperation as they work together to make a class lamb, and end



the week building language skills as the children discuss their favorite animals and make their sounds.

Next, the Toddlers prepare to walk the plank with a theme about Pirates. The children will enjoy making a Pirate hat for dramatic play, learn math and measuring skills to create a "Pirate's Bounty" snack, and finally embark on a treasure hunt.

During the third week of August, Toddlers will "square up" on shapes. The children will explore a variety of shapes and colors while creating a shape collage. The class will also

create shape characters and enjoy a sensory experience of drawing shapes in the sand.

The last week of August brings a week of pizza to the class. The children will learn about nutrition and following directions as they make their own pizzas and make bell pepper prints. The children will also create a pizza collage as they exercise creative expression.

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child(ren) before arriving at DZLC and we will reapply in the afternoon.

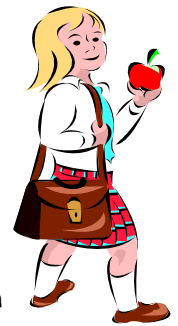
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Important Dates:

- 8/20 Summer Celebration with waterslide, sprinkler play and pizza party. Information to be out soon
- 8/26 First day of School for School Ageds.
- 8/31 Tuition increase goes into effect.



Preschool A Prepares to Walk the Plank

To begin the month of August, Preschool A will have a week on the farm! The children will make a variety of farm animals such as sheep, cows, pigs and chickens. The children will learn cooperation as they work together to create a big, red barn. Sensory experi-

ences will be focused on as the children explore feathers, cotton balls, paints and marbles. The children will build listening skills as they listen to animal sounds and attempt to name the animal. Gross motor skills will be built as the children move like animals.

For the second week of August, Preschool A will learn all about transportation. The children will exercise their fine motor skills as they paint with cars and make water bottle rockets. Preschoolers will enjoy a car wash as they suds up the vehicles

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Infants Go A Little Buggy

The Infants will focus on the theme of Insects this month.

The room will be decorated with different types of insects created by the children such as a dragonfly foot-



print painting, and ladybug knuckle prints. The older infants will have a fun sensory experience as they finger paint parts of a caterpillar.

While the warm weather continues, the children will enjoy time outside on the deck and water play.

The children will build language skills and fine motor skills through songs and fingerplays such as "Baby Bumble Bee" and "Eensy, Weensy, Spider."

The Infants will enjoy books about bugs as well as imitating animal sounds

which is quickly becoming a classroom favorite.

Gross motor skills will be the focus as the children enjoy games such as "Peek-a-Boo," "Ring Around the Rosie," and "Chase."

Throughout the month the older Infants will work on social skills as they prepare to move to the Toddler Room. Our younger Infants will have many opportunities for gross motor development as they enjoy tummy time.

Preschool B is So Colorful

August is already here and the summer is flying by. Preschool B will start the month by learning about colors. The children will learn about shades of blue as they paint while looking through colored glasses. They will also learn how to make purple popcorn and spread colored cream cheese on crackers. Through observations, the children will see how colors change in water and use clues to find colors around



the classroom.

The second week of August Preschool B will learn about Community Helpers. Language skills and vocabulary will be built through a variety of songs. One to one correspondence will be the focus as the children match

seals to balls and letters to envelopes.

Next, Preschool B will learn about pets and be introduced to their new teacher Ms. Kaitlynn. Keep an eye out for a fun activity for you and your

child to work on together at home. The children will use shapes to create pets and share pictures from home about their own pets. The children will also observe and explore bird feathers and minnows.

Preschool B ends August learning about insects. The children will work on number recognition with a caterpillar and learn more math skills with a symmetrical butterfly. Cognitive skills will be built while playing memory and enjoying a butterfly match. Preschoolers will also learn insightful songs and finger plays about insects.

Center News

Please remember to send your child with a water bottle every day for outside play.

We want to make sure the children stay hydrated during the hot summer days.



Also, please remember that if your child is celebrating a birthday and you would like to send a special snack, to make the snack healthy. Some great ideas that the children love are muffins, banana/zucchini bread, fruit juice popsicles or fruit with whipped cream.



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Preschool A Continued

on the playground. Math skills will be the focus as the children sort vehicles by class of air, land or sea.

The third week of August

will be all about pirates. The children will learn about taking turns as they play "Pin the Eye Patch on the Pirate" and dig for treasure in the sensory table. Language skills will be enhanced with fun pirate songs and gross motor skills will be the focus as Preschoolers walk the plank. Each child will also have an opportunity to make treasure maps and pirate hats.

To end the month, Preschool A will go on a fun jungle adventure! A giant snake will be made as the children practice working together. The chil-

dren will discuss the variety of animals and weather found in the jungle. The children will embark on a safari and observe and describe natural items found at DZLC. The children will also paint a variety of footprints then attempt to match them to the correct animal.

Happy Birthday to Ryan J., Aaron M., Caden D., Samantha S., and Gavin S. this month!

Preschool A is happy to welcome Sophie R. and family to our class.

