



Discovery Zone Gazette

Preschool B Gets Sporty

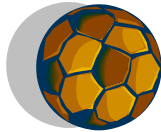
We've passed the half way mark of 2009! Preschool B will start their second half of the year by wishing good luck to our friends leaving for Kindergarten and welcoming new friends.

Our first theme is Independence Day to learn about and celebrate the 4th of July. Fine motor skills will help the children to make an American flag by weaving and putting a puzzle together. The children will also learn a patriotic song and practice writing skills by scripting "Happy 4th of July."

After the long holiday weekend, Preschool B will start a theme on fruits and vegetables. We will plant a vegetable and place them on the bulletin board to observe their growth each day. The children will also learn the

names of a variety of fruits and vegetables, their forms and where they grow. Preschoolers will also discover how many different fruits and vegetables can be prepared and how they taste. We finish the theme by enhancing math skills through serration and puzzles.

The third week of July, Preschoolers will learn about different sports. Children will learn about five different sports and learn that



sports are not just fun but a great form of exercise. The children will use math skills to weigh different balls and use large motor to play mini golf, soccer and others.

The week of 7/20, Preschool

B will enjoy a unit on water and Summer fun. The children will learn many fun and new songs about summer and water. Preschoolers will observe frozen water and make hypotheses about what might happen. The children will enjoy many creative art projects including bubble prints and chalk painting.

For the last week of July, Preschool b will start an unit on the Circus that will continue into August. Lots of gross motor activities are planned including tightrope walking, dancing elephants, making play dough animal sculptures and a bean bag toss.

Remember to always look around the room to see what your children are learning and doing each day!

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Important Dates:

- DZLC will be CLOSED 7/2 & 7/3 in observance of Independence Day.
- 7/8 Larry the Ventriloquist entertains the children with comedy.
- 7/22 Jack the Juggler impresses the children with his Juggling skills.
- 7/29 The Amazing Andy returns to amaze the children with his magic and comedic skills.

Infants Go to Beach

The theme for the month of July in the Infant Room is Ocean Life. We will start off by decorating our room with colorful pictures and projects. The children will make sandy feet, handprint octopi, and Independence Day flag handprints.

On nice days, we

will take the children on the deck to enjoy the summer sun. The children will also enjoy water play and observing wildlife. If you have not already, please send in a labeled bottle of sunscreen to protect your little one from the sun's harmful rays.

Language and literature will be the focus as the children

enjoy books such as "Ocean Babies," "Clumsy Crab," and "Secret Seahorse." The children will also enjoy songs such as "Row, Row, Your Boat."

We would like to wish Jacob a Happy 1st Birthday on 7/29. Welcome Michayla, Jackson and their families to our class!

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Preschool A Goes Camping

Summer is finally here and Preschool A is ready for some Summer fun! To begin the month of July, Preschoolers will enjoy a week on Summer. The children will paint with flyswatters and also have the first Sprinkler Day of the year so make sure your suits and towels are ready! The children will practice shape recognition as they create bathing suits from shapes. Gross motor skills will be enhanced through a game of watermelon hopscotch.

For the next two weeks, Preschool A will be Under the Sea with an ocean/beach theme. Several different sea creatures will be made such as crabs,

jellyfish, fish, starfish and octopi. The children will explore different seashells with magnifying glasses. The class will also have a chance to use imaginations with a "beach scene" in the Dramatic Play Center. The children will create a beach in a bottle and observe the changes as they add more materials to their bottles.

To end the month, Preschool A will go camping. The children will learn math skills as they measure ingredients for trail mix. The chil-



dren will also experience a fun sensory project as they paint with marshmallows. The Preschoolers will also tie die coffee filters using fine motor skills and eye droppers. The children will also build eye hand coordination as they catch paper fish.

As the weather gets warmer, we will enjoy the sprinkler. Please make sure your children have a bathing suit, towel and shoes that can get wet. Also, please make sure you send your child with a full water bottle every day.

Preschool A is happy to welcome Aaron M., Aaron F., Roan T. and their families to our class.

Toddlers Head Under the Big Top

The Toddler Room would like to welcome Caid, Dane and their family to our class! We would also like to wish Aaron M. and Aaron F. happy adventures in Preschool.

The second week of July, the Toddlers will shovel sand to create sand castles, design their own bathing suits and expand their imaginations will sand writing as they learn about the beach.

The third week on July, the Toddlers will dive into the ocean as they learn about different types of ocean ani-

mals. The children will pin the arms on the octopus, make a paper plate jellyfish and make a paper bag blue whale on their ocean adventure.

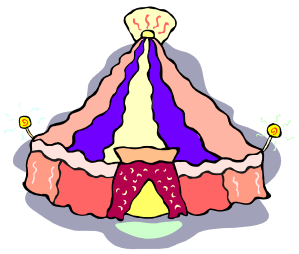
The fourth week in July the Toddlers will dig into their flower gardens. The children will make handsome flowers, marvelous marigolds and sunflower hats.

As we come to the end of July, the Toddlers are heading under the Big Top. The children will enjoy a game of "Pin the Nose on the Clown," create cotton ball cotton candy, and make

their way across the tape tight-rope.

Just a reminder to please apply sunscreen to your child every morning and DZLC will reapply in the afternoon.

Also please remember to send your child with a water bottle. We want to make sure the children stay hydrated while playing in the hot Summer sun.



Center News

Please remember to sign your child in and out EVERY day. Not only is this a state requirement but it is also the tool we use to ensure all children are accounted for in the event of an emergency. Please help us to keep your children safe and accounted for.



Don't forget that tuition is due by 8am Wednesday to avoid a \$20 late fee. This policy also includes vacation weeks. Please leave a check (post dated if needed) PRIOR to your vacation.



Finally, there will be a tuition increase to go in effect 8/31/09. Information regarding the change will be out soon.



