



Discovery Zone Gazette

Preschool A Camps Out

Preschool A has lots of fun things planned for the month of June. First, Preschoolers will work on self help skills. The children will practice opening a variety of containers, Ziploc bags, buttons, snaps, and zippers. The children will learn the importance of taking care of oneself by getting dressed, brushing hair and teeth, and helping get things ready for school independently. The children will practice ordering events with hand washing and learn the importance of good hand washing habits. The children will also have many opportunities to problem solve using language.

For the second week of June, Preschool A is going camping! The children will

learn language and literacy skills



through camping songs, camping stories and creating their own camping book. The children will also use critical thinking skills to decide what to pack for the "camping trip." Preschoolers will enjoy a dramatic play experience as they "camp out" in a tent. The children will build motor skills as they go fishing and have a chance to decorate the fish they catch. Of course you can't forget the S'mores and the children will make their own.

The third week will be

filled with Father's Day activities, including a special gift and cards. The children will make pictures of what they like to do best with Dad and enjoy lots of books about Dads.

To finish the month, Preschool A will learn about dinosaurs. The children will learn about carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. Math skills will be in use with the dino egg count. The children will dig for dinosaurs in the sand table and uncover...just like paleontologists. Problem solving skills will be put to the test with an ABC Dinosaur puzzle. Preschoolers finish the week with an archeological dig.

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Important Dates:

- 6/9 Nature on the Seashore will visit DZLC to entertain and educate the children about sea life
- 6/22 Camp Discovery begins.
- 7/2 & 7/3 DZLC will be **CLOSED** to celebrate Independence Day

Let's Play Ball in Preschool B

June begins with a one week theme on language and literacy. During this week, Preschool B will read 5 different books, one each day and then complete a project that coincides with the book. The children will have opportunities to act

out the stories, use manipulatives and finger plays, and learn science and math skills with a baking activity just to name a few.

Next, Preschool B will enjoy a one week theme on sports and keeping active. The

children will discuss a variety of sports and learn math skills as they chart them. Gross motor skills will be enhanced as the children get to bowl, dance, and play basketball and soccer.

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Toddler A Explores Birds

Toddler A begins June by creating a Summer bulletin board. Next, it's time to get creative to make a special gift for Father's Day but we can't say anymore or we will spoil the surprise!

For the second week of June, Toddlers will learn all about the ocean. They will enjoy sensory experiences through creating hair gel jellyfish and painting an octopus with ice cubes. The children will enhance color recognition by making different color fish. Lastly, they will learn about the different creatures in the sea through an activity in the sensory table.

Next, Toddler will explore the world

of birds. Spatial awareness will be increased when the children create their own birds. Toddlers will also work on their fine motor skills when they make bird feeders and a bird's nest. The children will have to use many of their senses while on a walk to see if they can hear or see any birds. The Toddlers will also be able to express their creativity when making feather paintings.

To end the month of June, Toddlers will go



camping. The children will be encouraged to use their imaginations when a tent is placed in the classroom. Toddler's fine motor skills will be developed while making a campfire for the campground. Children will express their creativity when they make their own pet rocks. The Toddlers will also play a modified version of "Kick the Can" in which gross motor skills will be developed. Lastly, Toddlers will enjoy a sensory and fine motor experience when they are given the chance to go "fishing" in the sensory table.

Toddler B Goes On Vacation

The month of June is the month when most of our children prepare to go on vacation. To help them prepare, we will begin with a month on traveling.

The children will enjoy learning about different modes



of transportation. As we focus on traveling, the children will enhance their vocabulary through songs that explore repetition and rhyme such as "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and "The Wheels on the Bus." To end the week Toddlers will have a food tasting snack in which the children will vote

on their favorite fruit such as kiwi, pineapple and mango.

As the weather gets hotter, Toddler B will enjoy the outdoors. We juggle through a week on the circus. The children will explore pattern and colors as we match clowns with the same color hat, ties and nose. We will bring the circus to the class as we use scarves to dance. To end the week, we will have an obstacle course and the children will demonstrate their best circus act moves!

We will become busy bees as we explore insects for the next 2 weeks. Toddlers will enjoy sensory and creative art as they make their own insect. The children will explore different insects such as spiders, ladybugs, and ants. As part of a daily ac-

tivity, the children will have lots of sensory experiences such as "Bugs in the Dirt," "My Ant Hill," and "Worms in Clean Mud." Circle Time will be filled with new, insect related songs. To enhance vocabulary, we will introduce pictures and books and encourage the children to explore. The children will also enjoy a nature walk and bug hunt.

At the end of the third week, Toddler B will host the annual "Daddy Breakfast on the Run." The children will show their love and appreciation for their Fathers with a surprise gift. Toddler B wants to wish all the Fathers a Happy Father's Day!

We are happy to welcome Camden M. and family to our class. Happy Birthday to Cody C.



Preschool B continued

We will sing sport songs like "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Teamwork is key as we pick a Preschool B team name and colors.

Ms. Maureen's last week in the classroom before Camp will be a one



week theme on Fathers. During this week, the children will work on special gifts for Dads. In the dramatic play center we will add hats, neckties, briefcases and more so the children can be just like Dad. The children will also learn about turn taking, listening and manners as they play "Father May I?"

Ms. Nicole will join the Preschool B class on 6/22 when Ms. Maureen leaves for Camp. Preschool B will enjoy a week of camping. During the week, the children will use their imaginations and teamwork to set up a tent and build a "campfire." Preschoolers will "roast" marshmallows and enjoy them for afternoon snack.

Happy Birthday to Hunter P.

Infants Go Under the Sea

It's time for sunscreen, swimming and shorts! Through out the next few weeks, the Infant Room will celebrate



the arrival of warm weather.

During the first week of June, the Infants will feel like they have been

to the ocean. We have planned a sensory project with beach sand, a footprint octopus and finger paint fish. During circle Time, the children will have the chance to see and touch plastic sea animals. Also books about the ocean will be read. We end the week with another sensory project with seashells.

Next, the Infants will jump right into reptiles. The children will get the chance to see a real frog. The children will also make fingertip turtles with egg cartons. During Circle Time, we will introduce the sounds made by a variety of reptiles and show corre-

sponding pictures.

Next, the Infants will be busy creating a special gift for Daddies. We won't say any more because we don't want to ruin the surprise!

Finally, the Infants will get their stars and stripes on as we celebrate the 4th of July. The children will paint flags and enjoy a sensory project with colored water and so much more.

Center News

Please remember to drive carefully while in the parking lot. The mornings and afternoons are quite busy at DZLC with many parents arriving and departing. The safety and wellbeing of the children and families are of utmost importance and we must work together to keep everyone safe. Please use caution when arriving and departing and be on the lookout for

pedestrians (particularly children who don't always behave appropriately in a parking lot!)

Pictures have been posted on www.discoveryzone.info of the progress made on the new building. Check it out!

In order to maintain staff raises and expense increases, tuition will increase at the end of the month. Information will be in your child's cubby soon.



