



# Discovery Zone Gazette

## Infants are the Apples of Our Eyes

Our focus for September is a back to school theme. We will decorate our room with colorful pictures and projects such as apple hand-



prints and an apple tree painting. For a sensory pro-

ject, the children will spend some time touching and exploring cut up apple pieces. This will help them become familiar with this item and they will be able to use their 5 senses to learn more about it.

This month we will also focus on learning body parts such as eyes, nose and mouth. To help the children learn, we will sing songs such as "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes", and read books such as "Where is Baby's Bellybutton?", "Baby

Faces", and "My nose, My Toes".

We would like to welcome Audrey, Lucas, Brennan and their families to the Infant Room. Also, we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Audrey O. who turns one on 9/4 and to Emma F., who turns one on the 9/18! Congratulations to Casey L, Maggie L. and Ava L. who have graduated to the Toddler Room.

## Toddlers are Crazy About Colors

The Toddler Class is celebrating two birthdays this month, Corey D. turns 2 on 9/4 and Chloe B. has her 2nd birthday on 9/27.

We welcome Casey L., Ava L., Maggie L. and their families to the Toddler Room.

We begin the month with a color theme. The children will make a color snack, finger paint a stop



sign and create spin art fiesta paper.

Next, the children will exercise their large and fine motor skills. Some of activities include bat the ball, bumpy lumpy locomotion, and rolling whiffle balls.

As we enter the third week of September, the children will enjoy a week about pizza. The children will make English muffin pizzas, count pepperonis, and

stamp with bell peppers.

Next, the Toddlers will explore with their senses while painting on bubble-wrap with their fingers, making tube horns, and a sticky collage.

Finally, we have a Four Seasons theme planned. The class will make a snowflake collage, leaf rubbings and kooshball print sun.

Please continue to label all children's belongings.

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### Important Dates:

- 8/26 First day of School for School Ageds.
- 8/31 Tuition increase goes into effect.
- 9/7 DZLC will be CLOSED in observance of Labor Day.
- 9/30 Trash to Tunes will educate the children on creating and using instruments made from recycled materials

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## Learning Blasts Off in Preschool A

Preschool A is excited to begin a new school year. To begin the month of September, Preschool A will learn all about our scaly friends the reptiles! We will make turtles using contact paper and some slimy snakes. The children will build gross motor skills as they throw bean bags into an alligators mouth. We will also learn about the life cycle of a turtle!

For the 2nd week of September, the theme will be back to school! The children will work together to make new classroom rules. A giant school bus will also be painted by the preschoolers. Glitter, glue, markers and crayons will be used as we create some fun mobiles. Preschool A will also practice writing their names and using

stencils.

Next, we blast off into the solar system! We will learn all about the different planets and paint our own 3-D planets. We will learn about and make rockets and encourage creative thinking as the children guess what else may be in space. The children will learn the order of the planets and some of the differences between them.



For the following week we will jump into fall. We will learn all about the season including leaves, acorns, and apples. The children will make some colorful leaf rubbings, and go on a nature walk to collect their own! They

will learn what happens to the leaves and trees during this season, and even paint with some acorns.

To end September and begin October Preschool A will have a week on scarecrows. We will make our own using a variety of shapes. Language will be encouraged with a variety of new songs. We will also have a new scarecrow matching game and a button counting game. Corn will be placed in the sensory table for a fun sensory experience. Preschoolers will also be making tall corn stalks.

Preschool A is happy to welcome Rory O., Samuel F., Sophie O., Ciara M., Sofia O. and their families. Happy birthday to Aaron F, Anna B. and Taylor N. this month.

## Preschool B Focuses on Friendship

Preschool B would like to wish Molly P. and Emily M. a Happy Birthday! We would also like to welcome our new friends Caitlin, Amy, Conner and their families to Preschool B.

For the first week of September, the Preschoolers will learn about outer space. They will enjoy a fun sensory project out of toilet paper and bar soap called Alien Mush. The children will also learn to use their imaginations to create a spaceship using chairs, a steering wheel and a control

panel.

During the second week of September the children will learn their phone numbers and addresses which we will also continue to work on the whole year. The children will learn new vocabulary through a great song called Fire Truck.

The third week, Preschool B will learn all about themselves and their families. They will create self and family portraits. Dramatic play will become a beauty shop where the children can

learn how to do their hair and take care of themselves.



The fourth week will focus on the weather. They will create mud puddles in the sensory table. The children will practice counting letters on plastic bags with mud inside. The children will work together to create a

## Center News

Please remember to update your child's cubby with extra clothes. We also recommend to keep an extra sweatshirt or light jacket at DZLC for the cool fall mornings.

Don't forget that tuition is due every Monday morning. Tuition received after 8 am Wed. will be considered

late and subject to a \$20 late fee.

Please continue to send your child (ren) with a water bottle daily. The weather often continues to be warm well into September and we want to make sure the children stay hydrated while playing outside.

Construction on the new building con-

tinues and we plan on being in the new building by 11/2/09. Check out our photo gallery for updated pictures of the project.

Don't forget to visit the photo gallery on the website frequently to see photos of your child(ren) at play and learning at DZC.



