



## August 2019 Newsletter

### Infant One

Hello August,

We hope everyone has been enjoying their summer so far. We have been very busy in the Infant room, from learning to sit up, to crawling, to walking. All of the infants have been working so hard on their gross motor skills. We are very excited to welcome Meredith to our room. We look forward to getting to know her and also getting visits from her big brothers Andrew and Charlie. With that said, we will say goodbye to Halle this month. She will move to the Toddler room and being her new Journey. We wish her well!

We have really been into music and nursery rhymes recently. Some of our favorites are 5 Little Ducks and No More Monkeys. We have some talented dancers in this room. Our mighty minute this month is the creeping ladybug:

The Creeping Ladybug (Are You Sleeping)



*The creeping ladybug, moving slowly*

*From your head to your nose*

*Crawls down to your tummy,*

*Then onto your kneecap,*

*Down your legs, to your toes.*

**Walk your fingers down the child's body as you sing, pausing on each body part.**

We will continue to take walks and do some waterplay outside. Please be sure your child has everything they need to enjoy these activities. Also, it is extremely important to read your child's daily sheet. We record when your child needs daily essentials such as diapers, wipes, clothes etc. This is important because if/when your child does not have these essentials they have to borrow.

-Infant One

## **Infant Two**

Summer may feel like it's flying by, but it's hotter than ever, so everyone make sure to stay cool out there! August has arrived, and this August 17 we would like to wish Charlie a very Happy First Birthday! We have all enjoyed seeing you grow and are especially excited that you are walking now! Seeing you on the go and exploring even more of your surroundings is amazing. Many of our friends are actually moving even more than before, and we always encourage motor skills inside and outside of the classroom (Safely, of course!). We have a large gym where we can have a lot of space to move and do some of our favorite activities. These include climbing all over the foam blocks and going down the slide, crawling all over the carpet and mats, and walking and crawling with push toys. There is a stand-up bar as well where our friends practice pulling themselves up from a sitting or crawling position. In the classroom we also have a couple push toys and our two toy buckets make for great practice pulling oneself up. One activity that we enjoy with our friends is to sing and rock to another version of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." The steps are simple and the words are easy to remember! Have your little one stand before you face-to-face. Hold their hands in yours. Gently rock them towards you and away from you without them moving their feet to the rhythm of the song. The lyrics are as follows:



*"Row, row, row your boat,*

*Gently down the stream,*

*If you see a crocodile,*

*Don't forget to scream!"*

Afterwards, let out a gentle shriek. Watch and see if your little one follows along. It is a fun song that you and your little one can bond over while also encouraging vocalization and movement. They will love to hear you sing and then scream afterwards! Happy August everyone!

## **Toddler One**

Toddler One had an awesome July. We learned about seahorses, octopus', dolphins, swordfish, crabs and much more. We sing the *Baby Shark Song* (their favorite) and we made some really cool artwork to go along with the song. The children also enjoyed being outdoors, on the wading pools, playing with bubbles, seashells and exploring the water table.

This month will learn all about transportation and discuss the process of how we get to school. We will continue to do our everyday lessons on colors, shapes, numbers and the alphabet. Parents, please note that this month we will be hosting our conferences to go over your child's progress. We ask you to please make an effort to see us so that we can cover all of areas of your child's growth and development.



We would also like to welcome Halle who is joining our Toddler 1 group and say goodbye to Piper who is moving up to the Toddler 2 room.

Happy August!

Miss Miranda, Albina and Corrine

Toddler one Staff

## Toddler Two

For the month August we will be finishing up our ocean unit and moving into camping and forest fun at the middle of the month. We have been talking about our favorite things to do like trips to the beach (swimming/ playing in the sand), a fun vacation, icy cool treats... we love it all. They have also been so excited to talk about sharks and other fish and creatures that reside in this particular habitat. July was filled with beach and ocean fun so be sure to take a moment to admire the art work the children have created so far. We read some of our favorites like *The Rainbow Fish*, *the Pout Pout Fish* and some non-fiction books to help us connect some real-life facts about creatures we admire. Some super fun crafts are lined up to continue make all of our favorite creatures and to begin discussing camping and forests as well. During forests we will touch on being safe while camping, fire safety, animals that live in the forests and more. If you have camping photos, we would love to share them with the class to enhance our experience and discussions. Remember we will be closed in recognition of Labor Day in the first week of September. We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer so far and the kiddos are ready for school to begin (CONGRATS to our kindergarteners on their first day we will miss you)! See you next time in the **fall**.



## Preschool

August has approached us insanely fast but here we are! The children enjoyed playing in the pools, have a teddy bear picnic at the grassy field and eating at McDonald's. We also enjoyed playing with water and working on our fine motor muscles with the pipettes and other water toys at the water table.

We wished a very Happy Birthday to Quinton on July 17<sup>th</sup> and Sasha on July 18<sup>th</sup>. We will miss Lilliana and Fiona. Lilliana is moving to a new house and Fiona will be moving to a different school. We wish them well in their new environments and we hope to see them again one day.

The themes that we are going to be exploring for the month of August will be:



5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>: Summer, Hot, Hot, Hot

12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>: Ocean Animals

19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>: Ocean Animals

26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>: Back to School

We will use various materials, different textures and lots of imagination during our art projects and activities that pertain our August themes. We are looking forward to our weekly water days and working on another field trip. Please make sure you check your child's folder for artwork and important paper work. Please also check to ensure that your child has a change of clothes.

We appreciate your support!

Thank you,

The Preschool Teachers

## **Pre-K**

Hello August! This summer is Just flying by. We've been having so much fun. The children love being outside. We've taken lots of nature walks, gone to the Froggy Park and played in the backyard. All the children LOVED playing in the sprinkler. We hope to do some more water play soon.

The older kiddos have been working hard for graduation. They've practiced their songs everyday and can't wait to perform. We're sad to say good-bye to our friends Elliot, Adriana, Lily, Makenzie, Colin, Max, Steven, Madelynn, Evan and Claire. We wish them the very best as they head off to Kindergarten. We'll welcome some new friends from Preschool soon.



All the children have enjoyed talking about the zoo and ocean. This group of Kiddos absolutely LOVE art. Make sure to check out all of their awesome masterpieces. (Even the bulletin board by the front door). We also enjoy taking some of our art outside 😊. The children are very excited about our new calendar and job chart. We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. Please make sure to check your child's bin for extra clothes and underwear.

Thank you 😊.



## Office

- \*The Pre-k Graduation Ceremony will be held in the gym on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Please be sure to record how many guests you are bringing on the sign-up sheet in your child's classroom.
- \*If your child has been attending the dance classes, the official dance performance will be held in the gym on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- \*When dropping off, please drop your child off in their designated classroom
- \*While picking up your children, please make sure that they are with you at all times, this is to ensure their safety and minimize chaos.
- \*Please be sure that your child has at least two complete changes of weather appropriate clothing as well as a swim suit, towel and water shoes, if preferred.
- \*If you order from Amazon, please consider ordering through Amazon Smile. It is the same as ordering through Amazon, it just gives a donation to a charitable organization of your choice. So, go to Amazon Smile and select Lakewood Community Care Center and you can support us with every purchase!

Fun Days:

Friday, August 2nd- National Watermelon Day! Everyone wears pink, red, and green and we will enjoy Watermelons in each classroom. 😊

Friday, August 9th – National S'mores Day! Everyone wears the s'mores colors or camping/outdoorsy clothing and make s'mores with your classroom.

Friday, August 16th – Hawaiian Day! Everyone wears tropical clothing! This includes sunglasses, Luau Leis (flower necklaces) and more!

Friday, August 23rd- Disney Day! Dress up as your favorite Disney character!

Friday, August 30th– National Eat Outside Day and National Trail Mix Day! Everyone brings in an item for the trail mix. The sign-up sheet will be in your child's classroom!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 Watermelon Day: Wear red, pink and green	3
4	5	6	7	8 Pre-K Graduation	9 S'mores Day: Wear s'mores colors and/or camping wear	10
11	12	13	14	15 Dance Performance	16 Hawaiian Day: Wear tropical clothing	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Disney Day: Dress like your favorite Disney character	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 National Eat Outside Day and National Trail Mix Day	31
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