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Infants

Welcome to August in the Infant Room! We again want to first thank all of our families for being so cooperative with everything, from wearing masks to passing your child's belongings back and forth to us through the doorway. Your support has made our transition to the new normal very smooth!

Our August theme is "Buzzing through Summer" which will continue to add to the summer fun we have been having! The children love our bumblebee toy, we will add some new songs and fingerplays to the mix, and of course new books as well.

We have been enjoying our patio sometimes multiple times per day! It is such a lovely, peaceful spot to take the children to get some fresh air yet still stay in the shade. They all seem to love the outdoors!

As before, we use several signs with the children throughout the year to increase their communication skills but

focus on one in particular each month. Our sign this month is "all done." If you are not aware of how to sign "all done," feel free to ask, and then use it at home with your child. Also, a wonderful website resource for you to learn the signs we use in our classroom is www.signingtime.com. We use the sign "all done" often: when the child is all done with their bottle, their solid foods, and every single diaper change. It can even be used when you read a book and it is "all done." Thank you for continuing to also do these signs at home with your child. They learn so much with all our consistency and repetition!

Just a friendly reminder to everyone that *all* of your child's things must be labeled. *It is especially important that ALL food/drink related items are labeled with their FIRST AND LAST NAME*, but it is also helpful to have their hat and sweatshirt/jacket labeled with their initials or name.

Hope you have an awesome August!
Ms. Amy, Ms. Hoa7, and Ms. Carol

Center Closed

In service Day

Friday,

August 21st

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August Menu: Lotsoftlc.org

Notes from Tina and Nancy

We have made the decision to extend our license to include school age children this fall. If you need care for your school age child this fall please let Tina or Nancy know as soon as possible. The fee will be the same as

Pre-K. It is first come first serve and we will only be offering this to current 5Cs families.

Our beautiful sunshine warms our busy month of August. August marks the time for renewal of information and preparation for the transition of children within the center. Even with so many uncertainties, we are still moving forward getting ready for September.

This month we are asking parents to complete new emergency forms to make sure your child's information is updated – contact information, addresses and especially telephone numbers since most of you are working from home due to COVID 19. If there is any change in contact procedure and/or emergency contacts, please be sure to indicate that on your form. The Emergency Card is located on our website. We also need to have you complete and update new medication forms, special diet information and any other forms that were completed more than 6 months ago. However, if there are no changes in your child's emergency information or you just completed the forms with

in the last 2 months, just let us know.

Most of the children in the center will transition to new classrooms around September 16. You will receive a transition notice close to when your child will move up. We appreciate your patience in this transition time. If you have any questions, please stop by the office and ask.

We added an additional requirement for all staff to wear masks in the classroom effective July 27. As of August 1, 2020, children who are five years old will need to wear masks during the day at the center. If you need extra child size masks, there are some in the office.

On Friday, August 21st, we will have our staff in-service training and the center will be closed. This day will be spent preparing and cleaning the classroom, preparing for the transition of the children moving into their new classrooms in September and the finalization and preparation of 2020 – 2021 curriculum themes for each classroom.

Reminders:

- Pre-K graduation celebration will be held at the end of

the month. Date: TBA

- Center is closed for In-Service on Friday, August 21st.
- All staff and children 5 years old must wear masks.
- The center hours will remain the same: 7:30 am – 5:30 pm, no 2nd pm snack.
- Tina will be in Alabama from August 1st – August 14th for her dad's 86th birthday. Nancy will be at the center during this time.

The age range on our center license was changed from 6 years to 9 years to accommodate school age children for the months of July and August. This will expire September 9, 2020. We have been discussing whether to extend the date to January 2021; what a school age classroom would look like; and is it feasible for the center to include school age children. We are finding it difficult to know whether to extend that date because the school districts have yet to decide whether students should be in school, go 2 days a week in person and remotely 3 days or have remote learning only. If you have

any comments, needs and/or questions, please let Tina or Nancy know.

Enjoy the beautiful August weather. The teachers are looking forward to implementing their summer fun activities for your child(ren). Thank you for your responsiveness, help and support, we appreciate all of you!

Ms. Tina and Ms. Nancy



Wobblers

What a wonderful summer it has been here in the wobbler room. During July, friendships have sprouted, and verbal communications have become more visible. This August, our focus will be on each other. We will learn how to create an environment full of manners, and gentleness. Our older friends have been quite helpful when it comes to our young wobbler friends, they have been gentle and eager to help one another and a bit of imitation has played a part. Friends are learning from one and other.

This month our themes will include Feelings and

Emotions, Friendship, Treasure Hunts and Community Helpers. We will be working on our fine motor skills and supporting communication skills with teachers and friends. We are also working on recognizing the shapes circle and triangle and the color brown.

When it comes to being a wobbler, the task can be quite challenging because they are quickly learning what is acceptable and what is not. These challenges can lead to frustration and the word “no”. Our goal is to avoid the word “no” altogether, and instead substitute it by stating their feelings and what we want them to do to better support their success in understanding their feelings because all actions can make a positive difference.

We hope our families have a beautiful rest of their summer and stay strong as a community.

Ms. Stefany and Ms. Dung



STAFF BIRTHDAYS:

Cassey 8-09

Grace 8-24

Todd I

Welcome to August!

Our last month of summer has come so fast! This month we will be talking about the Beach, Ocean Creatures, Camping, and Bugs. Our colors this month are dark blue, tan, and teal. Our shape is an oval.

For Beach week, we will play with sand and water, talk about waves, crabs, seagulls, and seaweed, and look at what kinds of clothing we will wear to the beach. Has your family been to the beach recently? Priest Point Park and Burfoot Park are some really great beach spots that are nearby. (We will plan on doing a water play day this week. Look for signs announcing the water play day.)

For Ocean Creatures week, we will look at all sorts of creatures, where they live, and what they eat. We will also look at how they move. Be prepared for lots of Baby Shark sung in your house this week! (We will plan on doing another water play day this week.)

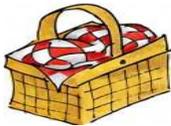
For Camping week, we will talk about tents, sleeping bags, and campfires. We will talk about where you can camp and who you can camp with. We will

also be having a yummy treat of graham crackers, chocolate chips, and marshmallow fluff as we talk about s'mores.

For Bug week, we will be looking at all kinds of different insects and arachnids. We will look for bugs on our playground. We will talk about where they live, learn to make a bug habitat, and what kind of things they eat. What kind of bugs does your child see around your house?

We are very excited for the month of August and the things we will learn about!

Ms. Moriah, Ms. Kasondra, Ms. Thol



Todd II

Summertime is fun in Todd II, can you believe that we are in August already? We have been loving the cooler temperatures (give or take a few days here and there), but as our weather can change quickly, please make sure your child has suitable extra clothes, and sun hat, so they are always ready for whatever the weather. That said, we have some adventures we are looking

forward to this month; walking fieldtrips to Garfield playground (dependent on health/safety, and availability), baking a cake, and a sack lunch picnic on our playground. We have a sign-up sheet for going to the playground and will post permission as we get closer to the date. We will also look at scheduling a couple more water play days before the summer is over. (we will post notices for water play days ahead of time, so everyone can plan for it)

The week of Aug. 3rd – 7th is all about music; we will be exploring different types of music, and ways to make music. We will be making our own musical instruments, along with music inspired art.

Aug. 10th-14th is space week; we will explore the planets, make stars, and moon sand and learn about our solar system. Be on the lookout for some cute and quirky aliens residing along the hall.

August 17th – 21st is Friends week; it's all about fun with friends, doing art with friends, and making a friendship cake; a mix of our individual favorite colors to create a delicious treat.

Aug. 24th – 28th is Camping/ Picnic week. We

will be creating some awesome art depicting some super fun summertime adventure favorites: campfires, picnics, and S'mores. We will have our picnic adventure on Friday, August 28th. We will need you to pack a sack lunch, including a juice box, so we can enjoy our picnic lunch outside on the green in Todd II playground, for a fun ending to our week. We will also be making S'mores munchie mix to enjoy for an afternoon treat.

We have two friends turning three this month; Lilah will be celebrating on August 22nd, and Cora will be celebrating on August 23rd. Happy Birthday Lilah and Cora!!!

Happy August, enjoy the sun.

Ms. Mandy & Ms. Cindy



Preschool

Hello preschool parents!

We are slowly getting back to "normal" in preschool, as normal as we can right now. Your children have continually impressed us at how quickly they can adapt to all the changes at

school. We are continuing to “keep space” in between friends during meeting times and meals, as well as washing hands before and after each activity. Even as we are slowly getting used to this new normal, please remember to be a role model for your child as you enter the building, use sanitizer, and wait your turn in the hallway. It can get a little busy at the then end of the day, and we can only let one child at a time enter or leave the classroom, so it is important to model patience as we wait our turn. Thank you for your consideration.

As you know, teachers are now required to wear masks in the classroom. Please continue to talk to your children about the importance of face coverings. We have explained to them that masks are a new teacher rule, and face coverings help keep us safe. Since teachers see a lot of people during the day, we need to wear masks so we don't spread germs. Thank you for your continued support during this uncertain time. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for your preschooler.

We have three birthdays this month. Wesley (3), Myla Jo (25), and Wade (29) will all be 4. Happy birthday friends!!

During this month, we will be learning about construction, occupations, transportation, and road safety. Be prepared to hear LOTS about road signs, traffic lights, police cars, dump trucks and fire trucks! We play games with traffic signs to help recognition, so be ready to hear all about signs on the ride home! We have been observing all the trucks and diggers across the street and I am excited to look up the names of each one of them! We will also learn about various occupations. We usually bring in lots of dress up for this week, but due to current circumstances, we will focus more on things like keyboards, notepads, and briefcases. I will also bring in lots of posters for your children to identify different types of occupations.

We are hoping we can have another water day or two this month. Stay tuned for details on that. We always try to keep preschool water days fairly simple, and it may just look like a few spray bottles we bring out to spritz the kids with, or we may ask for swimsuits and

hook up the sprinkler. We will let you know at least a week in advance, so look for a notice on the door.

Recently, Tina brought a new toy into our classroom. I'm sure you've heard all about WikiStix! We bring them out at rest time so our friends have something to do on their beds while others nap. Since they have been so popular, I thought I would include a link so you can see them for yourselves. [These](#) are the individual packs that we have in our class, but they have different sets that are fairly inexpensive.

Finally, we have another in-service day coming up on Friday August 21. As always, we will take this opportunity to do all the deep cleaning that can't get done on a daily or weekly basis.

Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us! We are having a wonderful summer!

Ms. Angela, Ms. Kayla,
and Ms. Kim



Pre-K

For this month we will be discussing the Ocean and Ocean creatures, Pirates, Spirit week and Graduation, and Wheels. We are really going to be focusing on getting our friends ready for Kindergarten in social and emotional domains, learning how to make new friends, and refreshing on some letters and numbers as well as some fine motor skills.

Some fine motor skills we will be working on include scissor cutting, practicing how to use glue appropriately, coloring in the lines, and pencil holding. Some other fine motor activities planned include playdough printing and sand line drawing.

Our sensory includes saltwater and sea creatures, sand and coins, and slime. In our block area we will be making a coral reef, building a ship with a plank and walking the plank, creating a veterinary hospital, and building a dog house. We will be doing some crab walking, treasure hunting, and relay racing. In our dramatic play center we will be creating a sea animal rehabilitation center, pirate hideout, hair salon, and veterinary hospital.

We will be having our Pre-K graduation at the end of the month. Date: TBA

Ms. Sam's son, AJ will be moving into Pre-K this fall, so Ms. Sam will transition to another classroom Ms. Moriah will be transitioning in as lead teacher. We will miss you, Ms. Sam!

All children over 5 will be required to wear a facemask at school starting August 1st. 5Cs has recently been given a few child sized facemasks, so if you are in need, please come talk to Ms. Tina or Ms. Nancy.

Ms. Moriah, Ms. Lori, and Ms. Rebekah



monthly meetings on Aug.17th by Zoom. If you are interested in being on the Parent Board, please let Ms. Tina or Ms. Nancy know and they will connect you with the Parent Board President.

Parent Board

Updates:

The Parent Board will be resuming their