



# Discovery Zone Gazette

## Infants Get Wet and Wild!

The month of August the Infants learned about the ocean. The children spent a lot of warmer days outside enjoying the water while splashing around.

The infants started off learning about starfish and practiced language and social development by singing songs and reading books such as Sea Creatures, "I'm a Little Starfish" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". The children also used cognitive and physical development while finger painting starfish and using gross motor skills by reaching, crawling or



walking to the starfish.

Next, Infants got to lean about boats. The children practiced physical and language/communication skills by singing, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." The class also worked on a group project by taking turns to finger print a big boat using many different colors. The children also used toy boats to splash around outside during water play.

The last theme of July was fish and fishing. Infants practiced language and communication skills when reading Rainbow Fish, Nemo and Fidgety Fish. They also worked on their physical

development by imitating the teachers motions of swimming like a fish. Their cognitive and social development was used when the infants finger painted different types of fish..

During September our theme will be back to school. The infants will enjoy learning about their ABC's and 123's!



Happy 1st Birthday to Olivia on the 29th! We would also like to welcome Layla, Lillian, Tyler and their families to our room.

## Discovery Zone Learning Center

### August 2010

#### Important Dates:

- Monday 9/6 we will be Closed for Labor Day.
- Monday 9/20- Special at 11:00

## Pizza...Pizza... Toddler's Make Some Pizza!

The last month of the summer was full of fun activities. The Toddlers started August off with a theme of farm animals. The children followed 2 step directions when they put yarn on horses for their manes and used fine motor skills to sponge paint dirty pigs and lastly put black spots on the cows.



The children then learned

about Nursery Rhymes. The class read "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary" then made a flower garden. Then the children made Peter's pumpkin by gluing orange pieces of paper onto a cut out of a pumpkin. Toddlers also enjoyed an egg search after reading Humpty Dumpty.

The next theme was pizza! The toddlers finger painted with pizza sauce, worked together to find pizzas that were hidden around the room and used sorting skills



to sort pizza toppings. The class also made English muffins for a special snack.

The Toddlers ended summer with our own version of the summer Olympics, the Toddler Olympics! The children worked on large motor skills by marking long jumps and running and kicking balls. The class also had some races from one side of the playground to the other.

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## Preschool B is Off in Space!

The last month of summer was filled with exciting themes like space, transportation, science and monsters.

During the Space week, the children loved making space helmets, sponge

painting earths and making constellations by using their fine motor skills to cut paint and draw. They also enjoyed rocket bowling and moon jumping games to work on their letter recognition and gross motor skills.

During the second week of August, the class drove right into a transportation week by working on spelling skills with car wash signs and fine



motor skills with sponge paint helicopters. The children loved having an imaginary car wash during our sprinkler day.

Science week was a class favorite! The children loved the science experiments, such as making bubbles, cleaning pennies with vinegar and salt, making volcanoes and making their very own creations. The preschoolers loved testing whether items sank or float, whether they were magnetic or not and sticky or not.

During the last week of August, Preschool B enjoyed a theme of mon-



sters. The class wrote a story about a monster in Preschool B, using their creativity and drawing skills to create the book, take a look! Preschoolers also used fine motor skills to make little monsters by blowing paint with a straw, fuzzy' messy monsters by gluing and cutting materials and spaghetti monsters by putting spaghetti on the outline of a monster.



Next month, Preschool B themes will be fairy tales, back to school, farm, autumn and numbers.

Happy 4th Birthday to Emily!

## Fly Away with Preschool A

During the month of August Preschool A learned about Ocean, Transportation, Opposites and Pirates.

During the ocean theme, preschoolers used sensory skills to create jellyfish using hair gel. Lots of different seashells were explored, along with sea creatures. To practice hand-eye coordination the class played a game called "Fish Eye" where the children tossed bean bags through a fish eye.

To explore transportation, the preschoolers painted with different vehicles! The children designed their own paper air planes and enjoyed flying them outside. To practiced listening Preschool A played "Red Light, Green Light." Preschool A's favorite activity was the marshmallow trains. The children



used large marshmallows, fluff, pretzel sticks and cheerios to create delicious trains.

During the week of opposites Preschoolers learned about in & out, over & under, left & right, same & different and up & down. The class also went over others by using flash cards at circle time, which the children loved. Preschool A enjoyed making the spider webs on the over & under day the most! The class also played lots of games such as, "The Hokey Pokey," to learn body parts, and "Simon Says" to practice following directions.

To begin the week on Pirates, Preschool A made paper plate pirate masks. The children were able to place the facial features in the correct spot on the pirate. To use gross motor skills, Preschoolers played "Walk the Plank," outside. The

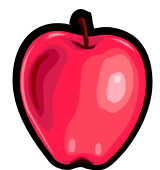


children had to walk the black beam and not get eaten by the sea creatures! A yummy snack was also made by the children as they used counting skills. After snack was made we got to enjoy a picnic outside!

In September the preschoolers will focus on themes such as, farm, back to school, apples, fall and leaves.

We would like to wish all of the kindergarteners luck with school and welcome Alex, Cara and their families to our room.

Happy Birthday to Corey & Alex!



## Toddler cont.

For cognitive and fine motor development, the children matched the colors from the Olympic rings and made silver medals.



For the month of September, Toddlers will talk about our 5 Senses, Autumn and Apples.

Happy Birthday to Audrey and welcome to all of our new friends and families!

Just a reminder to sign your child in/out everyday!

## Center News

- Please remember to provide your child with a labeled water bottle. Please make sure that it's specifically for water because the bees love when it's juice!
- Plastic Grocery bags: all classrooms could always use some for messy clothes that have to go home!
- Please remember to label your children's items.
- Remember to sign your children in/out everyday.
- Ms. Holly and the kindergarteners will have a newsletter next month! We are so excited to have a kindergarten program this year.
- The center would like to welcome the new staff to the center. Jamie and Sarah are in the infant room. Alissa is in PM toddler room. Jessica is our substitute (mostly in toddler room) and Rachel is in our after school classroom.
- Parents, please remember to provide utensils for lunches.



