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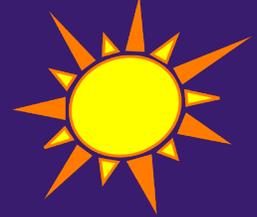


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A Newsletter for Families
June 2022



Thoughts from your Legacy Team...School is over and Summer will be here before we know it!!! We are so happy to share some of the GREAT things happening in the month of June...

Monday, June 6th: First Day of Summer Transition Program (This is a 6-week transition to kindergarten program for selected children to better prepare them for the upcoming school year).

Sunday, June 19th: Father's Day

Tuesday, June 21st: First Day of Summer

Please be reminded that for the months of June & July all classes, except for the infants, will participate in one hour per week of water play on the splash pad on the playground. See your child's teacher for their specific weekly scheduled day. All children MUST HAVE swim shoes, a towel and a swim suit/trunk in order to participate in water play day 😊 Feel free to bring sunscreen if your child needs it.

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Let's Celebrate

First Day of Summer

Tuesday, June 21st

Father's Day

Sunday, June 19th



June Class Themes of the Month



Dreamers ~ Theme: Dreamers in Never Never Land

Our rhyme of the month is Hey Diddle Diddle, which will delight all. Grab your rattles, bears, and dolls, we're going on a picnic and waiting for you! We'll delight in Father's Day while coming up with special ways to honor our daddies. With lots of imitating and pretending, we continue to guide the school-home learning connection. Outdoor play, projects, movement, we cover it all.



Travelers ~ Theme: A Visit to Wonderland

Grab your magic wand and get ready for a grand month! The children will enjoy the characters and fantasy to explore fairy tale favorites. The children will explore initiative, learn to distinguish "me" from others and explore how things are the same or different. These and so many other key experiences will support your child's early learning adventures in our Traveler's classroom.



Adventurers ~ Theme: A Visit to Mother Goose Land

This is going to be a great month in the Adventurers classroom. Key experiences include early quantities and numbers, communication and language, and, of course, plentiful movement and music. A focus on listening skills will ensure your little ones utilize those skills as best they can—an important lesson of perseverance that will carry them through their entire lives.



Discoverers ~ Theme: A Visit to the Hundred Acre Wood

Characters will provide art, music, language, and literacy along with games and super snacks. We'll make time for camping out and learning about woodland animals. Children will enjoy naptime in sleeping bags and snacks that typically go along with a camp out. What did you do in summertime when you were three? We hope it was at least half this fun!



Voyagers ~ Theme: Through the Looking Glass

Your child's classroom is "buzzing" with summertime fun. With opportunities to investigate ants, mosquitoes, fireflies, and other creatures, children will develop an awareness of insect characteristics. They will also enjoy acting out fairy tales while planning a "Little Theatre" so they can dramatize the stories read to them in addition to learning about the American flag and Father's Day.



Explorers ~ Theme: Game On!

The summer adventure begins! Campers will traverse new worlds and tackle challenges as they work to defeat the game. They will explore games, create delicious dishes, design and test structures, and explore science as they maneuver the first five levels of the game.

June

Dreamers



Math- This month, children will be exposed to colors and shapes as they go on a treasure hunt for shapes and explore Never Never Land!

Science- Dreamers will use their sense of hearing with Tinker Bells. They will explore with their sense of sight as they see all the sights on the way to Never Never land.

Social Studies- June's Social Studies Enhanced Learning lessons will help children with self-recognition and they will practice sharing with friends.

Travelers



Math- This month, the Jr. Toddlers will work on color recognition as they help the White Rabbit make his very important date on time!

Science- Toddlers will join Alice for a sensory tea party to explore liquids versus solids.

Social Studies- Jr. Toddlers will learn about the differences between school and home and work and home for their parents. They will also learn about mothers and babies in the animal kingdom.

Adventurers



Math- Adventurers will work one-to-one correspondence as they help Jack and Jill up the Hill. They will work on shape recognition as they help Little Bo Peep find her Shape Sheep!

Science- Sr. Toddlers will learn about their ears and their functions and they will try to help Humpty Dumpty stay on the wall by building the strongest foundation.

Social Studies- Adventurers will explore different family roles and learn about different family structures. They will also learn about traffic lights and why they are so important.

Discoverers



Math- Discoverers will join Pooh as they hunt for different amounts of honey pots. They will also work on their counting skills as they count the trees in the Hundred Acre Wood.

Science- 3-year olds will learn about living versus non-living things as they explore the Hundred Acre Wood. They will also use their senses to explore honey's characteristics.

Social Studies- This month, Discoverers will learn about the importance of taking care of the Earth and learn about different family roles and structures.

Voyagers



Math- Voyagers will work on shape and number recognition and differentiation as they look for both through the Looking Glass! They will also strengthen their pattern making skills as they create Queen of Hearts Patterns.

Science- 4-year olds will become scientists as they explore and record their findings on a nature walk. They will also use their scientist skills to make a hypothesis about the outcomes of science experiments.

Social Studies- This month, Voyagers will learn to identify the planet, country, and state they live in. They will go to a Job Fair to learn about different professions and try to figure out what they want to be when they grow up.

Handwriting Development in Preschool

Preschool children are considered “emergent writers” because they are developing the skills that writing requires. For this reason, handwriting in preschool will differ greatly between students. Still, there are key developmental milestones and activities that are essential to handwriting development in preschool.

The Building Blocks of Handwriting

The two major ingredients of good handwriting are pencil grip and letter formation. There are many foundational skills to be mastered before either of these ingredients are possible. For example, a good pencil grip requires fine motor skills and hand strength that a child develops over time through age-appropriate behavior. Activities like sensory tables, playdough, stringing beads, and finger puppets help build the muscles, coordination, and skills that are required to master handwriting.

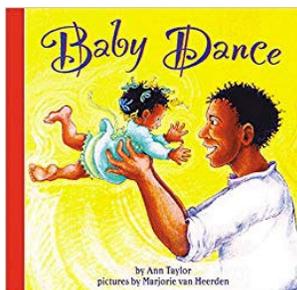


At-Home Practice for Handwriting in Preschool

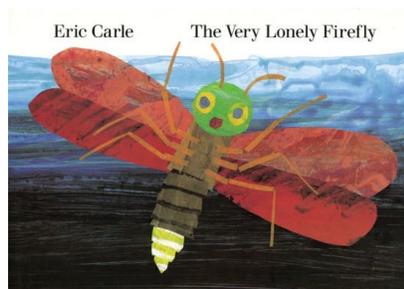
- Encourage your child to write or draw something every day. It doesn't need to be extensive or legible, simply creating the habit of writing daily encourages your child to continue handwriting practice.
- Ask for your child's help in writing tasks. If they know their letters, ask your child to add simple items to your grocery list (with your help in spelling). If they are not yet able to write all the necessary letters, write the word you need lightly or in highlighter and have them trace it.
- Modeling is an important step in encouraging your child's handwriting. Let your child see you writing notes, lists, and reminders, and involve them in the process by showing how you form specific letters and how you hold your pencil.



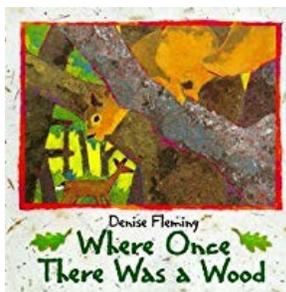
June Books



Baby Dance
By: Ann Taylor



The Very Lonely Firefly
By: Eric Carle



Where Once There Was a Wood
By: Denise Fleming

Ice Excavation

Supplies

Water
Beads, pipe cleaners, ribbon, pom poms, small toys, etc.
Safe excavating tools
Bottle of warm water



Directions

1. Add materials like beads, sequins, ribbon, etc. to a large bowl of water. For younger children, use larger items like toys. Freeze until solid.
2. Use a bin to contain the melting water as the activity progresses. Give your child safe excavating tools like tweezers, safety scissors, child sized shovel, tongs, butter knife, etc.
3. **Excavate!** Let children explore with how to break down the ice and get the treasures out! **Supervise closely** as there are many small pieces. Squeeze bottles of warm water help speed up the process.

Extend the activity by asking your child(ren) what they think will be the most effective in getting their treasures out.

Try repeating this activity over and over again with different toys!

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