



# JULY newsletter



## SCHOOL NEWS

- Happy July! We hope you are having a great summer and are enjoying the sunshine, warm weather, and fresh air. It puts us all in a great mood! ☺
- We have some VERY exciting news that we are excited to announce in our newsletter – Roberta is joining our management team as our Center Director. She will be starting with us on July 17<sup>th</sup> and she is eager to meet all of you and your children.
- August is next month which means it's the time of the year where we need to update all immunization records and health care summary forms for your child(ren)! We have emailed the health care summary form that needs to be completed by your child's doctor and returned to us along with current immunization records. Please drop it off at the office or fax it to us at 952-942-1942. Thank you for your understanding and promptness on this since it is a requirement to have in each child's file yearly.
- Last month our Summer Fun Program started! We are all having a great time. Last month sprinkler day and Tori's Precious Pets were a big hit. Tori brought a lot of pets such as her: bearded dragon, hermit crabs, chinchilla, guinea pig, and even a pig named Wilbur! It was a hands on learning experience and very educational for all.
- We are really looking forward to the bounce house, Pickles the clown, Kona ice truck and Erica Coy (Scarlett's Mom) the detective to come this month. How exciting!
- Please exchange all of our child's extra clothing for summer clothes – you never know when your child will need to switch outfits. Sometimes we have too much fun at art or sensory time, sometimes lunch can be messy, or sometimes the occasional bathroom accident may happen. Whichever the case, it's really helpful to have extra clothing.
- During our weekly theme of bugs this month we will be having a "drive-in movie theater" and we will be watching the movie *A Bug's Life*. (toddlers and preschoolers only) Please write in the communication notebook or email us if you do NOT want your child to watch the movie. We will make other arrangements so they can be in another classroom with a teacher doing different activities during the time of the movie.
- As a reminder, please let us know days your child(ren) will be gone, leaving early, or coming in late. We really appreciate the communication!



We will be **CLOSED** on Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day. Enjoy the long weekend with your families.

## Birthdays

Jameson – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Abby F – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sophia – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Kaylee – 13<sup>th</sup>  
Owen – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Savannah – 22<sup>nd</sup>



## WELCOME CORNER

- Welcome to the Needham family, their daughter Quinn is joining our infant 2 room!
- Welcome to the Kiel family, their son Alexander is joining our infant room!
- Welcome to the Ries family, their son Lucas is joining our infant room!
- Welcome to the Boeder family, their daughter Emma is joining our infant room!
- Welcome to the Zahn family! Their daughter, Katherine, is joining our infant room!

## Infant Classrooms

We are excited to have a few new friends joining our classrooms this month! We welcome Quinn, Emma, Alexander, and Lucas. Our sign language for this month include: bottle, water, bug, and all done.

Please remember to make sure your child has a few sets of extra clothing in their basket every day. Some of the art projects we are looking forward to this month include: a footprint butterfly, fireman handprint, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July crafts. We also do a lot of sensory activities such as playing with paint, popping bubbles, and shaving cream in a bag! It's going to be a great month!

## Toddler 2

We can't believe it's already July and the year is half over! We have a busy month planned with so many fun things to do, see, play, and learn. We love to play and interact with the children and get down to their level to see things through their eyes. It's amazing!

### ***Did you Know?***

We have been working hard on potty training on a daily basis and the children are doing well.

We are in amazement watching your children go through the different stages of development. Some interesting levels of development that we wanted to share with you:

**Precontrol level (beginner)** – children at this level cannot consciously control or intentionally replicate a movement except under limited conditions  
**Control level (advanced beginner)** – children's movement at this level are less haphazard as their bodies begin to respond more fluidly to their intentions.

**Utilization level (intermediate)** – Children at this level are capable of an increasing range of automatic movements. They no longer pause to "think" before joining in more complex actions like climbing a jungle gym.

**Proficiency level (advanced)** – Children's basic movements become more automatic and at this level their movements begin to seem effortless.



## Preschool

Happy July! We are ready to dive into a fun filled month with new games, worksheets, activities, and of course, excitement! Our curriculum offers a lot of learning time with a twist of fun for engaging daily education. We are excited to have a new computer station in our classroom with three computers that the children get to use for learning games. We are still following our weekly curriculum but allowing more free play and time for our Summer Fun Program during the next month and a half. Each day is new and exciting and we have a lot to learn and play!

### ***Did you Know?***

We have been focusing on gross-motor skills lately! These skills help the children demonstrate strength, flexibility, balance, and timing in using their large muscles. The preschoolers develop different skills over time and it's amazing for us to watch them grow and develop these skills.

**Non-locomotor** movements are stationary movements like twisting, bending, rocking, etc)

**Locomotor** movements are traveling movements like running, galloping, marching, etc).

The children then learn to coordinate and combine these movements to do things such as throwing, catching, kicking, bouncing balls, and using a swing.

## Toddler 1

Summer Fun started last month and we have been having a great time so far! Sprinkler day has been one of our toddler's favorite's days as they love watching the sprinkler and water (but mostly from a distance). ☺ We have been spending time outside twice a day and working on exercising our large muscles. Our large playground provides the children with ample open space for running, jumping, and climbing. The children have plenty of equipment to play on and explore. Just what they love!

### ***Did you Know?***

We've been working on communication and using our words. It's so fun for us to hear your children learn and say new words for the first time! Your child's learning and communication happen through meaningful interactions, experiences, and activities with peers and adults. We help foster young children's developing language when we talk, sing, and interact with them during the day. We love being a part of each child's milestones and development!



## WEEKLY THEMES FOR JULY

WEEK 1: 4<sup>th</sup> of July

WEEK 2: Bugs

WEEK 3: Ocean

WEEK 4: Safety

## 4th of July Hometown Celebration

- **Date:** July 04, 2017 7:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Round Lake Park  
16691 Valley View Road  
Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55346



Enjoy entertainment, food, activities and more throughout the day at **Round Lake Park**