



# August 2024



Hello TTDC Families,  
What a month July has been!  
From Independence Day  
celebrations to summer fun  
topics, TTDC students have  
learned and grown so much!  
As July comes to a close, and  
we come up on a new month,  
we are also coming to new  
topics, learning experiences,  
and memories!



# IMPORTANT



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ✦ TTDC Open House -  
Friday, August 23, 2024  
@ TBD
- ✦ Teachers In-Service Day  
TBD



## AUGUST WEEKLY TOPICS

- ✦ Outdoor Science
- ✦ Colors Review
- ✦ Shapes Review
- ✦ Numbers Review
- ✦ All About Me Review







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# REMINDERS

Please ensure you are dressing your child properly according to the weather. All students should be wearing properly fitted closed-toed shoes daily.

Please be sure your student's cubby is properly stocked with extra clothing, all soiled clothing is taken home, and everything is labeled with your student's name.

Please remember that payments must be made on the 1st & 15th of every month. On the 1st you either pay full tuition or half of the tuition. If you pay only half on the 1st, you have until the 15th to pay the other half. Late fees will be applied for no payments after the first and to unpaid balances after the 15th.

August 1st, 2024

Payment Option One: Pay in Full

Payment Option Two: Pay Half of Tuition Balance

August 15th, 2024

\*All balances must be fully paid in order to avoid any interruption during Drop off and a \$35 late payment charge\*

Our center closes promptly at 5:00PM. Any time after 5:00PM families are charged a \$15 fee every 10 minutes.

THERE IS NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK PERMITTED WITHIN THE CENTER. Unless permission is given by a member of staff, all food and drink that is brought into the classrooms will be discarded. Reusable cups, WITH WATER, are permitted.

ALL TOYS FROM HOME SHOULD BE KEPT IN YOUR VEHICLE OR PUT INTO YOUR STUDENT'S CUBBY IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL. Staff are not responsible for lost or broken toys.

Please be sure to stay up to date with your student's learning through the Procure Engagement App. The app allows you instant communication to your child's teacher and provides updates throughout the day of your student's day.

# JULY recap



The TTDC Teachers work hard each month to create new, exciting, and developmentally appropriate activities for our students. July was focused around Summer Fun with activities to highlight Independence Day and the topics of Beach Time, Water Safety, Zoo Animals, and Outdoor Science.

In the Toucans class students were thrilled to create new crafts, and focus on fine motor development through a lot of coloring, painting, and gluing. The Bumblebees classroom explored different sensory experiences through paper boat races and a dry corn and oats farm animal sensory bin! In the Butterflies classroom, students explored new science experiences through sensory play and exploration of bugs. The class also took a new approach on free play by using a buddy system. The Explorers enjoyed a lot of outside time this month, some of the favorites being painting on the playground and picking flowers during their nature walks. They also were encouraged to use play dough to make different figures and shapes. The Koalas classroom enjoyed their last full month together through creating long lasting memories. The Koalas engaged in a multitude of learning activities, including science experiments like elephants toothpaste to an Olympic Opening Ceremony Torch Run! Our month has been jam packed with endless fun and laughter and as always, we are so excited to see what the months ahead will bring.

In August we will say farewell to our TTDC graduates as they embark on their new learning journey in Kindergarten, we wish them well and hope they come back to visit! August will bring new topics for our students as they review colors, shapes, and numbers, as well as, participate in an All About Me week where teachers will learn all about the students and their families.

Please be sure to check the ProCare Engagement App to stay up to date with your student's daily activity and check with your student's teacher for any classroom updates they may have. All cubbies should be checked daily to ensure that all soiled clothing is going home, all art work is going home, and cubbies are being replenished with extra clothing.

If you ever need to contact your student's teacher, they can be reached via the Procare Engagement App, email or phone call.

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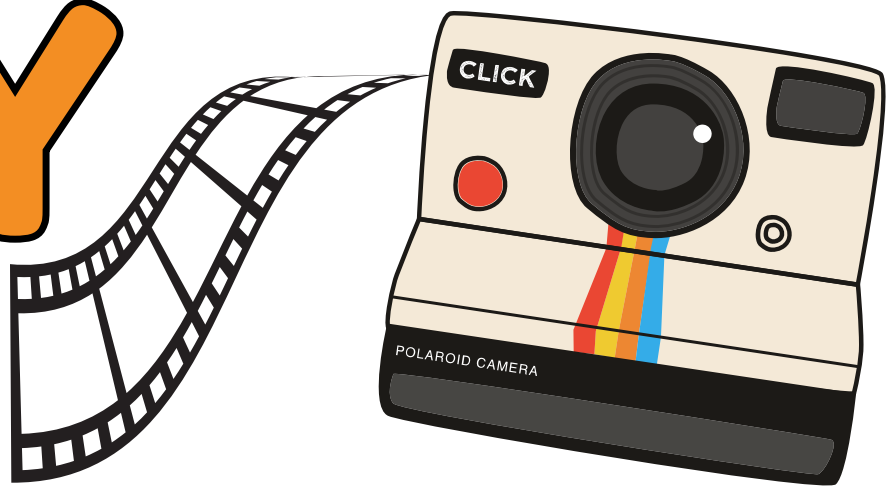
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# JULY

## recap



letter recognition & fine motor development



fine motor development through open ended play



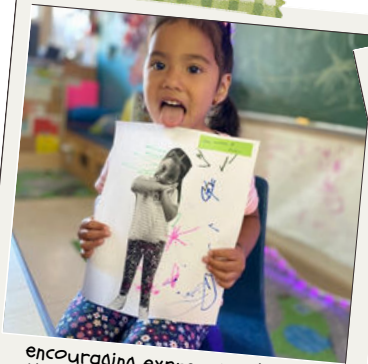
bringing class activities outside helps give students a change of environment



use mealtimes to review colors by asking what colors they see on their plate



bike riding is great for physical development



encouraging expressive drawing through asking students "what did you draw?"



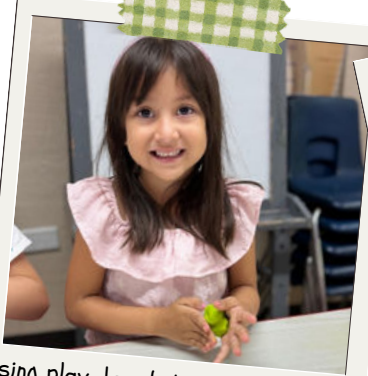
peer interaction is great for social and emotional development



daily journals to document students fine motor growth and development



nature walks encourage students to explore a new environment



using play dough to help strengthen hand muscles supports fine motor development



water play allows for sensory development and exposure



mark-making helps strengthen hand muscles and prepare for writing