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The months are flying by as we now enter into August. Last month was very fun as we enjoyed some summer fun and the 4th of July holiday. The weather has finally began to get warm; some days warmer than others. Therefore, parents please be sure to dress your child accordingly. Also, update their cubbies regularly. We also want to remind parents to bring your child a blanket and a pillow for nap time. Furthermore, don't forget every Friday to take the blankets and pillows home to be washed.

In regards to your child being sick, we ask that parents please notify the school immediately, especially if it is a contagious illness. We ask to be notified so that we can do our part in sanitizing and keeping the other children in the school safe. In addition, we ask that you bring in a doctor's note indicating when it is safe for your child to return to school. If your child has a fever with a temperature of 100 or more, they will be sent home and will not be allowed to return to school for 24 hours from the time they are clear of the fever. Same goes for any diarrhea, as this usually is a sign of a virus.

This month we will also hold Parent-Teacher Conferences. Sign-ups sheets are at the sign in/out table. Please sign up to meet with your teachers and go over your child's progress. Also, transitions are in progress and will be ongoing. Check your emails for transition notices. We will be closed Friday, August 21st for a Teacher's In Service to prepare for the upcoming school year. Therefore, please make alternate arrangements for childcare.

Again parents if you have intentions of not keeping your child enrolled at Toddler Town Day-care for the Summer and Fall of 2015, please notify Mr. Robert immediately. You must give us a 2 weeks notice to avoid a \$300 fee. Robert has already given all children leaving a leave date. If for any reason things change, please notify Mr. Robert. For those who are not sure, but think it could be a possibility, please notify us just to avoid the fee.

Lastly, parents we are doing everything we can to be proactive about this Action For Children budget crisis. We ask that you do so as well and check your emails for any updates. Again be proactive and call your state legislature to help get this issue resolved.

REMINDERS:

- August 21st: **NO SCHOOL!!!** Closed for Teacher's in Service.
- Notify the school if your child is ill with a contagious illness.
- Update your contact numbers.
- August 4th: National Night Out: 4-8 p.m. at the 25th District, front parking lot of 5555 W. Grand Ave.
- September 4th: Field Trip to Museum of Science & Industry

Ms. Merry and Ms. Nikki's Toucans Class 2-year-olds



*Painted Lady
Butterfly*

Hello all and happy August! We have been very busy in the two year old room. We managed to move quite easily from our 'Pond' curriculum to 'The World Around Us'. These hands-on, sensory, science inspired themes seem to be very well received by our Toucans. We experienced all sorts of things, from raising and releasing butterflies to flashlight searches and campfire building. We expect August to be bursting with just as much activity as July.

We will transition in to a unit on *Health and Exercise*. The children will learn the importance of exercise/movement, eating well, and personal hygiene. On our Summer Calendar, we will wrap up *Sea Life*, devote one week to *Sports*, and round out the month with two weeks devoted to *Water*. If the rain stays away and the temperatures aren't too warm, we will complete a lot of activities outdoors in August. Keep in mind, we are

always working on self-help skills as well as developmentally appropriate academics with your children. We would like to remind parents to check your child's cubby regularly, especially with all of the sensory play and potty training! We would appreciate two complete, seasonally appropriate outfits at all times. Please feel free to see either of the Toucan teachers with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Ms. Jackie and Ms. Irene's Butterflies Class 3-year-olds

July was full of fun and learning as we spent some fun summer days out in the playground and/or went on nature walks. The children not only enjoyed and learned about the 4th of July, but we also did lessons and projects pertaining to academics as we feel it is important to prepare the children for the next class. They have been working on letter/sound recogni-

tion, identifying the first letter in their name, and tracing their names. This month we will continue to work on our names and the alphabet along with numbers. We will also try to enjoy the rest of our summer with outdoor fun, weather permitting. This month we will also be preparing for the new school year. In doing so, we will be

closed August 21st for a Teacher's in service. Furthermore, transitions are said to possibly happen so we will be welcoming new friends and saying bye to old ones. Lastly, Parent-Teacher conferences are this month. I look forward to meeting with you all to go over your child's progress. The sign-up sheet is available at the sign in/out table.



*4th of July
Picnic Party*

Mr. Temok's Explorers Class 3 and 4-year-olds



*4th of July
Mural*

The Guppies classroom has now changed its name to Explorers. July was full of fun and learning as the children discovered the themes: 4th of July, bugs, and the beach. The Explorers had their 2nd Annual Picnic Day. THANK YOU SO MUCH PARENTS

FOR YOUR HELP!!! Also the Explorers made a Summer Mural with the help of Ms. Maria (Intern). Remember to take your child's blankets home on Friday to wash and bring back to school every Monday. Finally, please check and update your

child's cubby with weather appropriate clothing. For the month of August, the Explorers will explore the themes: Zoo Animals, Gardens, and we will prepare for the upcoming school year. Enjoy the rest of your

Ms. Barber's Bumble Bees Class 3 and 4-year-olds

In the month of July the students focused on the holiday of Independence Day, Ocean Animals, and Beach Day. We enjoyed making fireworks with the colors RED, WHITE AND BLUE, since those colors represent the American Flag. We also had fun JUMPING into the Ocean and finding all the animals that live in the ocean, along with making a few animals that we voted on as our overall favorite. Beach day was all about the shapes CIRCLE and SPHERE, since a beach ball is round. Also the stu-

dents were able to lay out and get some sun on their beach towels that they brought in. We enjoyed a lot of fun summer themes.

In the month of August we will be working on the Five Senses and examples of sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch. In addition, we will also be going over safety tips while driving in a car. Thought this would be a fun theme to work on since my students are in love with cars,

trucks, motorcycles, trains, and airplanes. Finally, parents please check cubbies for daily news and art work. Please update clothing in cubbies or add certain items your child may need in his or her bin. Also since it's the summer, I gave the children a little break on homework. However, I still encourage practicing going over letters, numbers, shapes, and their first and last name.



*Handprint
Crabs*

Ms. Taga's Bears Class 4 and 5-year-olds



Collage

Happy August! To recap the month of July, we reviewed the opposites of short/long, top/bottom, and back/front. We drew ourselves from the back and from the front and celebrated the 4th of July by glit-

ter painting fireworks. We also enjoyed painting with rocks and seashells. For the month of August, we will continue to review our opposites of up/down and under/over, as well as review the concepts of

same/different, sequencing, and rhyming. We will continue using summer related collage materials for our art projects and continue with water play outdoors--weather permitting. It should be a fun month!

Ms. Megan's Koalas Class 5-year-olds

Hi Parents! July was such a great month for our class. We learned so many new themes like zoo animals, sharks, America, camping, and the solar system. Along with those themes came awesome projects like our large solar system project. Also, with the warm weather we have been able to enjoy more of the outdoors. The month of August is going to be an exciting month as well! We will be

starting our upcoming school year, therefore saying good bye to some old friends. For the students going to new schools, we will celebrate with a small party and remember our time at Toddler Town Daycare. We will also be learning about the beach, the ocean and the animals living in it, and different kinds of sports. Parents of the graduating class of 2015: If you would

like to have an end of the year meeting with me, I will be putting out a sign-up sheet during the month of August. There will be plenty of meet up times that are available both in the morning and in the afternoon hours. If you have any questions or concerns please see me as I will be happy to help.



*The Solar System
Project*