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June flew by so fast, but oh what fun it was!!! The children not only enjoyed the fun learning, but also enjoyed the summer weather outdoors with water activities. The children also celebrated Father's Day with fun projects that they gave to their fathers and/or male figures in their lives.

July is here and the children will continue to enjoy the outdoors and water activities. This month we will also celebrate the 4th of July with our families. Don't forget parents that we will be closed July 3rd in observance of Independence Day! In honor of Independence day the children will learn some fun facts about the holiday and what it all means.

This month is also Graduation for our 5 year old class, the sharks so be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, July 10th. The ceremony will be at the *Levi Center* in Evanston located on 300 Dodge Ave. The graduates are asked to be at the center at 6:45 to prepare. Families and friends are asked to arrive by 7 p.m.

We wish everyone a safe and fun 4th of July weekend, especially when handling fireworks. Here are a few safety rules to remember when dealing with fireworks:

### **REMINDERS:**

- July 3rd: NO SCHOOL in observance of Independence Day!
- July 10th: Graduation Day for Sharks!
- Update your child's clothing in their cubbies so that it is weather appropriate.

### **Safety Tips when Handling Fireworks:**

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your POCKET or shoot them into METAL or GLASS containers.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.

Provided By: <http://www.fireworkssafety.org/safety-tips>

### *Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Vanessa's Bumblebees Class 2-year-olds*



*Father's Day Cards*

Summer is coming which means more fun time with outside activities! For the month of July, the theme will be summer fun! The children will do many fun, exciting activities outdoors. Some include, but

are not limited to, searching for ants, camping, singing and chanting, beach, etc. Our letters for the month also include, but are not limited to, A and B! We will continue to work on our letters, colors,

shapes and numbers. Here in the bumblebee classroom we are 'Ready, willing, and able to explore!' For the month of June, the children made really cool Father's day cards. Enjoy the summer activities parents!

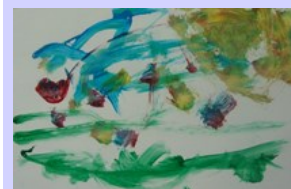
### *Mr. Shonn and Ms. Daulet's Chipmunks Class 3-year-olds*

Howdy, One and All! June was an active month and the level of stimulation was high. June was all about Vehicles, The Human Body, Weather, and Lines. Keeping the flow and ener-

gy moving forward, our focus in July will center on dances from different cultures; pirates-who they really were and what they really did; addition- how things add up; and snakes because everybody loves

them. :D

Parents are always welcome to come in and volunteer. Also, please don't forget to check Teaching Strategies for information on your favorite Chipmunk's progress and activities.



*"Stormy Day"*

### *Ms. Alex and Ms. Tammie's Butterflies Class 4-year-olds*



*"Lemonade Stand" Sign*

Happy July to all families! Last month we talked about zoo animals, lines, and summertime. This month, the Butterflies are ready to discover so many things. Summer has finally arrived, which means there will be many outdoor activities planned. In the first week,

we will talk about Independence Day, and learn more about our home on the globe. Following this theme, we will talk about desert locations, climate, and the animals that live in the desert. Next, we will learn about the Rainforest. July is a long month! On

the final week of the month, we will review all that we've learned. We have a lot to do and we are excited! Thanks to all of those who participated in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lemonade Stand! Our family at Toddler Town would like to wish everyone and their families a safe and fun filled 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

### *Ms. Jaya's Sharks Class 5-year-olds*

Hi all! Practicing pre-k graduation songs was and is so much fun. Thanks for all your support and encouragement!

We have been learning about Kindergarten; how Kindergarteners behave, pay attention, take turns, share, solve their problems, tie shoes, and show that they are ready to learn. Last month we have discussed

frogs, fathers, summer & the beach.

In July we are looking forward to learning about Independence Day, kindergarten, safety, the zoo and camping. The letters we will learn are J, M, Z, & O. For math, we will practice counting by 5s and 10s, practice early additions, and review all the 2D & 3D shapes we

have learned. We will continue improving our early reading skills with a guessing game, clue game, rhyming words, sounding out the letters, reading books, etc. The children will also continue practicing writing their first and last names. A variety of art projects, games, and outdoor activities will accompany our learning.



*Father's Day Project*