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## August Newsletter

### **A Note from Our Principal**

Thank you all for your participation in our Kids Helping Communities initiative this summer! We are grateful for the opportunity to watch our students help others and appreciate the role you all had in this. We raised over \$500 for Alex's Lemonade Stand, a foundation for Childhood Cancer. We still have a few more weeks of summer and our teachers are hard at work preparing our classrooms for the new school year. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. The new school year start on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Parents of Children moving up to a new program or classroom will be notified through email.

Sincerely,  
Kristen Suh, Principal

### **Summer Camp Survey**

We will be reaching out to families after camp ends to gather feedback on our summer camp program. The survey will be sent via email, and we'd love for all parents to participate so we can celebrate our successes and make plans to improve our program next summer. Please keep an eye out for the survey!

### **Links 2 Home**

If you're not currently receiving photos and daily reports for your child, you can easily change this by downloading the Links 2 Home app on your phone. Just type 'Links 2 Home' in the search bar for the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. After downloading, you can register with the same email address that you used to enroll your child in our school.

### **Updating your information in Alma**

Have you changed your email address or phone number? Need to add or remove an emergency contact? You can do this at any time in Alma. If you need help logging in or accessing the system, please let us know. We can send you a reset password email.

### **Parent Referral Bonus**

Do you know a colleague who has recently had a baby, a friend in need of care who just relocated to the area, or a family member who is seeking a new preschool for their child? When you refer a friend and they enroll, you're eligible for a **free week of tuition**. Ask us for details!

### **Important Dates**

August 11, 18 – Water Play (water play on the 25<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled)

August 23 - Mr. Music Man- Dance Party

August 23 – First day of the new school year

August 31 - Parent folders go home

Thank you for your constant support and cooperation!!

## **5 Fun Family Activities to Do Before the Summer Ends**

August can be bittersweet. Summer camps are coming to an end and the school year is starting soon. However, there's still time to cross off the rest of your summer bucket list before the season ends.

Make great new memories by trying some of the activities below with your family.



### **Make Your Own Bubbles**

Making bubbles is a fun science experiment for children of all ages. Gather 4 cups water, ½ cup sugar and ½ cup dish soap. Encourage your child to measure, whisk and pour the ingredients into a large bowl or tray. For additional fun, add a few drops of food coloring. Use this as an opportunity to discuss how colors combine to form new ones. Ask your child which color is their favorite.

### **Build a Backyard Obstacle Course**

Obstacle courses are a great way to practice gross motor skills and balance. Use hula hoops, chairs, pool noodles, jump ropes and other materials found around your home. Ask your child to perform a certain task at each obstacle. For example, say "Hop over the pool noodle" or "Jump rope 10 times." Set a timer and see which family member can complete the course the fastest.

### **Set up a Lemonade Stand**

A lemonade stand allows your child to practice creativity, money skills, following directions and giving back to those in need. Set out art supplies and ask them to make a colorful sign for their stand. Work together to make and sell the lemonade to your neighbors and friends. When the sale is complete, donate the proceeds to a charity of your child's choosing.

### **Grow Fresh Herbs**

Decide which herbs you'd like to grow and take your child with you to purchase the seeds. Plant the seeds in mason jars, plastic cups or cans and place them on your porch or windowsill. Ask your child to help you water the herbs and measure how tall the plants are growing each week. Harvest the herbs together and use them in an upcoming family meal.

### **Picnic in the Park**

Gather a blanket, your family's favorite lunch and a frisbee or ball, and head to a nearby park. Set up a picnic with your family's favorite fruits and veggies. Take time to sample them and describe each flavor. Enjoy the fresh air and quality time with your loved ones and have fun!