



JUNE 2023

NEWSLETTER

A Notes From Your Principal

Get ready for an awesome summer! Our teachers and staff are busy planning a fun and unforgettable experience for our students. From sports and games to arts and crafts, we have something for everyone. We will be sharing more information soon via Links 2 Home about our upcoming events and activities. As always, we are here to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,
Mary Ellen Diggory

June 2rd Nat'l Donut Day

June 7th Nat'l Running Day

June 9th Kindergarten Graduation @ 11:00

June 14th Flag Day

June 16th PreK Graduation @ 3:00

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Popcorn with Pops @ 4:00

June 19th Summer Camp Begins

June 21st National Smoothie Day

June 26th Pajama Day

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7:00 AM- 5:30 PM

Earth Day

We have several water play days planned for our students this summer and can't wait for your child to participate! Children should come to school in their swimsuit (with swim diaper when applicable) and with a towel and a change of dry clothes. Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before you drop them off.

Don't Forget To Re-Enroll

Thank you to those families who have already secured their re-enrollment for the upcoming school year. Our classrooms are filling quickly and our teachers have already started to plan exciting new activities for next year. For those who have not yet registered, we urge you to complete the re-enrollment process as soon as possible to guarantee your child's spot for September. Please let us know if you have any questions or need a copy of the Letter of Intent form to complete for the 2023/2024 school year. Thank you for your partnership. We look forward to another year of growth, learning, and fun together!

Family Referral Bonus

When you refer a friend and they enroll, you're eligible for a **free week of tuition**. Ask us for more details.

Did You Know?

Sight words help children become good readers. Our students learn to recognize these words in books, and our teachers work to reinforce them in class... enhancing reading comprehension and fluency and making reading fun!

Vacation Reminder

Heading out of town for spring break? Let us know if you are planning on using your vacation time this month.

Cubby Refresh

As the weather begins to warm up, please make sure to refresh the spare clothing in your child's cubby. Take home anything that no longer fits and leave a spare set of well-fitting, weather-appropriate clothes.

Love Our School? Review Us

In today's connected world, many families turn to online reviews to learn more about the reputation of schools. Just a reminder that you can find our school on Facebook, Google, Yelp and other online directories. We'd love more families like yours, so please consider spreading the word about our school.



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Splash-tastic Adventures: Multi-Sensory Water Activities for Preschoolers

From splashing in puddles to playing with water toys, children love exploring the world of water. It may get messy, but the benefits are worth it. Water play serves as an excellent tool for promoting fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and sensory awareness, as well as opportunities for social interaction, taking turns, and sharing materials.

Our teachers leverage the fun of water to reinforce a variety of skills. For instance, students explore the science of melting ice cubes in the warm sunshine. We engage them in critical thinking by asking questions like, “What do you think will happen when we put the ice cube in the sun?” or “How long do you think it will take for the ice cube to melt?” Then, we discuss the results and encourage the students to reflect on the properties of water and the effects of temperature.



In addition to exploring the science of melting ice, we offer opportunities for students to engage in activities that tap into their desire to imitate grown-up tasks. For example, teachers may encourage them to participate in an interactive toy car wash using a bucket of soapy water, toy cars, and a clean towel to dry. This activity reinforces fine motor skills, while instilling a sense of responsibility and independence.

Continue the learning at home with these fun water activities that can be customized for children of any age.

1. Water Obstacle Course

Set up an obstacle course in your backyard or a safe outdoor area using different water play stations. Include activities like crawling under a sprinkler, tossing water balloons into a bucket, and stepping over shallow trays of water. This activity promotes gross motor skills, coordination, and following instructions.

2. Ice Excavation

Freeze small toys or figurines in ice using plastic containers or ice cube trays. Once frozen, place the ice blocks in a large tray. Equip your child with tools like spray bottles filled with warm water, spoons, or toy hammers to melt and excavate the toys from the ice. This engaging activity encourages your child to apply problem-solving skills as they discover new ways to release their frozen treasures.

3. Floating Boats

Foster creativity and engineering skills while experimenting with buoyancy this summer. Challenge your child to design and build their own boats using materials like foam sheets, plastic containers, popsicle sticks, and tape. Once their boats are complete, provide a small tray or inflatable pool filled with water for a boat race. Encourage your child to use straws to create wind to make their boat move across the water.

4. Water Painting

Looking for a mess-free art activity this summer? Provide your child with large paintbrushes and a bucket of water. Go outside and let them “paint” on a sidewalk or fence using the water. Watch as their art creations appear.



Links to Learning

