



JULY 2023

NEWSLETTER

A Notes From Your Principal

We're fully embracing the summer season, enjoying our time teaching, and bringing fun to our students in these warm months! Our teachers have added activities into their lesson plans that our students can enjoy outside. We can't wait to share photos with you soon via Links 2 Home. We hope this month is filled with health and happiness for you and your families.

Sincerely,
Mary Ellen Diggory

July 3rd Wear Red, White & Blue

July 4th CLOSED

July 7th Nat'l Strawberry Sundae Day

July 10th Teddy Bear Picnic

July 11th Make Your Own Sundae Day

July 17th-Aug 8th Alex's Lemonade Stand

July 24th-28th Christmas in July Spirit Week

July 28th Pajama Day

June 31st Nat'l Watermelon Day

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Splash Days

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 and with a towel and a change of dry clothes. Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before you drop them off. Our scheduled splash days for July are **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**.

Kids Helping Kids

As we do every summer, we will be participating in our Kids Helping Communities initiative to give back to communities in need. This year, we will be partnering with Alex's Lemonade Stand by collecting money for children going through cancer. The drive will begin July 17th and continue through August 8th. Keep an eye out for more information via Links 2 Home.

Did You Know?

When children learn about other cultures, everyone benefits. So we encourage students to share their family traditions. In circle time, we engage in lively group discussions... and together we build a sense of belonging and inclusion.

Vacation Reminder

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

Family Referral Bonus & Open House

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? Invite them to our Open House on **August 5**. When you refer a friend and they enroll, you're eligible for a **free week of tuition**. Ask us for details!

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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Math on the Move: Vacation Activities to Sharpen Early Math Skills

Summer is a wonderful time for children to discover the hidden mathematical wonders that surround them. In our classrooms, teachers aid in cultivating math skills by incorporating them into daily routines and engaging activities. They encourage students to observe and discuss patterns found on the playground, graph their favorite vacation spots, and participate in math scavenger hunts.

This summer, as you embark on vacations or road trips, you can continue supporting your child's math skills by turning these experiences into fun and educational opportunities. Below are some ideas. Get ready to go on a mathematical adventure together!

Infants (0-1 year)

Engage your baby in an activity that combines sensory exploration and counting. While at the beach, encourage them to feel the texture of the sand by saying, "Let's feel the sand. It's so soft and grainy." Incorporate counting by finding seashells. Count them aloud by saying, "Let's see how many seashells we found. One, two, three!"



Toddlers (1-2 years)

Roll or throw a ball back and forth with your toddler. Count each time the ball leaves their hands. Begin with counting from one to three, and gradually increase the count as your child becomes more comfortable. Encourage them to actively say the numbers aloud as they catch and throw the ball.

Beginners (2-3 years)

Play a game of "I Spy" on your next road trip to help your child observe patterns and practice their observation skills. Encourage them to point out objects found during the drive. For example, ask them to find a red and black car, a tall green tree, and a yellow sign.

Intermediates (3-4 years)

Take your child on a nature walk to collect materials such as leaves, sticks, and rocks. Encourage your child to sort the materials into different categories and then count each item in each category. Record the findings in a bar graph to determine which material was the most and least collected.

Pre-K/Pre-K 2 (4-5 years)

While shopping for your vacation essentials, give your child coupons and ask them to help you find the pictured items in the store. It's a fun scavenger hunt, as well as a great opportunity for you to talk about money. Say the price of the items as you place them into your cart, for example, "Goggles are usually \$10 each, but we save \$2 by using a coupon."



Links to Learning

