

## Center newsletter - May 2018

Dear families, May is coming to an end but we are excited for June. Some of the special events from May are shown below. Thank you to everyone for starting to send in loose parts; we love seeing how creative our children and teachers can be when given great supplies.

### Mud kitchen

Did you see our improved mud kitchen? We now have many items to cook/bake with while we are outside. The teachers have been sampling some delicious soups, cakes, and veggies. The children are working together with the limited supplies which helps them work on their communication skills to request items or time. They are broadening their food choices by creating more expressive meals.

### PARENT ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Thank you to the preschool class for helpin\* make this calendar a success. Your ideas were very well received and almost 1/2 of the families did at least one activity. 8 families did more than 5 activities. Check out the calendar to see the most popular ideas.

If you did an activity and filled out a raffle ticket, did you plant your gourd yet? We would love to see picture.

Congratulations to the toddler room for winning the big prize of the month. Every child in this classroom finished at least one calendar raffle by May 20th so their classroom is going to get an ice cream party to celebrate all of the fun activities they did at home.

Congratulations to the 4/5's who have earned how to draw books.

Miss. Donna

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The Bumblebees,

This month, we have been enjoying the nice weather. The babies are always a big hit, with the older kids. We have been looking at books and singing songs. Some of us have been working on our crawling skills! 😊

Miss. Cheryl



The Ladybugs: In the month of May we have been very busy in our classroom. We focus a lot of gross motor, controlling our bodies, and helping friends if they would like some help.

For many friends, this month was the first time they were able to climb the slanted ladder on the playground climber and reach the top. We reassure the children we are here to help them if they need us, and encourage them to try. Once they have made it up the ladder once, they know they have

figured it out! We also now have our water slide up and running, which is a great activity that the children enjoy having opportunities to use.

At at the beginning of May, we tried our 1st indoor gardening experimen. We placed a bean on a damp paper towel inside a sandwich bag and sealed it. Then, we taped it to the window, creating its own little green house. We were able to see it beginning to grow and watch the roots develop. Now 5at we have seen how the plant grows underground, through this experiment, we are trying it again by planting the same beans in small glass jars with soil. We predict, it that they will grow better there but we also planted our beginner sprout from the window green house so that we can see the difference. We look forward to watching to see how they do.

Another activity that played a large roll in our classroom is the game, red light - green light. The children really love this game and enjoy taking turns with their friends.

Miss. Tina & Miss. Leslie





What a busy month we had!

We sort of ended our bug unit and moved fully into our gardening unit. We will never be really done with our bug unit because the children love to look for bugs everyday. Our garden has and will continue to grow throughout the summer. Each week we start a new plant or vegetable in our room and then plant it in our garden in the following weeks. Soon enough we will be able to make something delicious from our ingredients.

In the summer our curriculum isnt as tip top as we want it. We are more layed back and go with the flow. The children love to be outside playing on the water slide and making pies in the mud kitchen. If they ask to go outside, we go out. If they ask to stay in then we stay in. The summer is about following their lead and really enjoying our time together !

As most of you have seen, me and Miss Kat worked really hard over the



long Memorial Day weekend to re-do our classroom. New paint, new furniture and a new arrangement. Let us know how you feel about it !

Miss Amber & Miss Kat ♥



The Dragonflies:

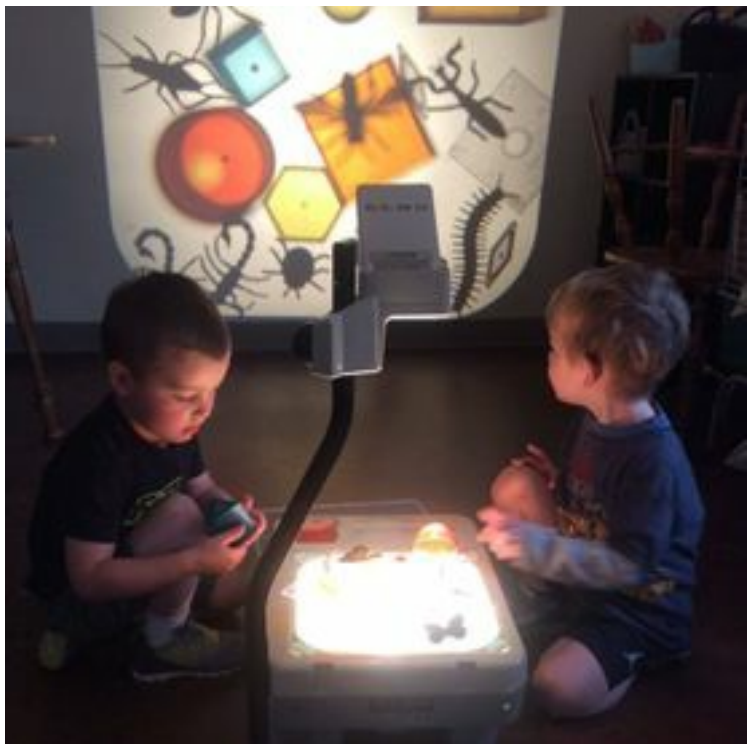
We had a great month diving deep into the world of insects and anything creepy crawly. We spent time investigating insect parts along with what makes insects similar or different from each other. During this time we also created fizzy spider webs and bug fossils with clay. At the end we made a “Favorite Bug” class book. The Ladybug and Bumble Bees definitely peaked their curiosity and were the winners! Along with bugs the class showed a lot of interest in different ways of counting using different loose parts and exploring how many different ways we can count out a number.

Now as we move into Summer mode we plan on spending a lot of time outside. Playing games, water play, exploring! So much to do in the beautiful weather.

This week we have been practicing for our big day. Preschool Graduation is right around the corner and we can't wait to celebrate with you all. Festivities are postponed until further notice due to upcoming rain. Bring your cameras and be ready to record some cuteness!!

Finally, thank you to everyone who has been bringing in bathing suits, towels, and water bottles. We brought the water slide out this week and it's been a huge hit!!

Miss Courtney & Miss Wendy



The Hawks.



These kids love that it is finally warm early in the morning. We now go outside right around 7:15 and they can catch the bus from the playground, we no longer have to go inside to wait for it. This means, we can keep playing until someone spots it coming around the corner. More time to play is always a great way to start the day.

The group has several interests and they will move between these sections of the playground. Being creative in the mud kitchen, being active by climbing trees or swinging across the monkey bars, or being artistic at the tables seem to be the top areas this month. Their favorite art activity this month has been doing 'how to draw' pages. Does anyone have any great books at home they could send in for a day or two, this would help to expand our selection?

Below are some photographs of the kids rolling tires, creating their own trampoline, doing art at the table, and hanging out.

Ms. Lyn



## Planning for June

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### POSTPONDED - Graduation Family BBQ

postponed - more info to come

### June ACTIVITY CALENDAR

We will be doing something different for June's calendar. Have you heard of Vroom ? It is an easy to use tool that will create age appropriate activities you can do with your child. These fun little 2 minute activities will build their brains, getting them ready for school and life. Ms Lyn will be available to help you create an account. There is an in-depth website and they have an app. Check out [www.vroom.org](http://www.vroom.org) to gain access to over 1,000



activities that will engage your child during meals, play, quiet time, bedtime, even help keep them playing during shopping trips!