



August 2024 Newsletter

LAST MONTH OF SUMMER!!!

Let's enjoy every moment!!!



Dear Parents,

Can you believe summer is almost over? It is going by fast! We intend to enjoy every day of summer that is left! Please continue to bring in their bathing suits, towels, and water shoes. If they do not bring them in, they will have to sit out while the rest of the class does their water play as we do not have extra bathing suits.

The new 2024-2025 school year is right around the corner. As we prepare our classroom rosters, please provide Ms. Dina or Ms. Linda with any schedule changes. For School Age parents, please let us know your child's bus number as well as bus pick-up and drop-off times. Thank You.

Reminder: Please make sure you are submitting your child's annual physical. Keep all DHS paperwork up to date. If any information changes i.e. cell number, address, work information, insurance, emergency contacts, etc. please update paperwork asap. Thanks!



Dates to Remember

- Aug 6th – Class Pirate Ship
- Aug 9th – Pirate Water Play
- Aug 14th – World Lizard Day
- Aug 19th – PT Reptiles Presentation 10am
- Aug 20th – Create a Hawaiian Lei
- Aug 23rd – End of Summer Luau with Bouncy House
- Aug 26th – First Day of School for SASD
- Aug 26th – Back to School Rule Chart
- Aug 28th – My Family Art Picture
- Aug 29th - Family Collage
- Aug 30th – SASD Closed

August Birthdays

- Aug 16th – Garrison N
- Aug 22nd – Scarlett S
- Aug 24th – Isabella B
- Aug 26th – Scarlett W



BACK TO SCHOOL

**STROUDSBURG
SCHOOLS START
AUGUST 26th**

Cook's Corner:

Can you believe that we are over halfway through the summer. The children have been trying some new things on the menu like egg salad and cantaloupe. We also had meatballs which were a big hit with all the children. Are there some healthy things that you would like to see pop up on the menu?? Please feel free to share your ideas with us as we are always looking for some new things to try.

- Ms. Amanda



CLASSROOM NEWS!!!

Infant Room News:

Hello Infant Families,

July brought 4 new students as we welcomed them into our class and graduated 2 others into the Waddler room. We are always changing and growing!

We hope our wonderful families enjoyed our annual Art Show. All the children worked very hard on various projects to show off.

Some things we will concentrate on this August are working on gross motor skills for our smaller infants while our older infants work on fine motor skills and developing their language vocabulary.

Enjoy the rest of your summer to the fullest and please be safe!

- Ms. Peggy



WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS!!!

We would like to welcome all the new students that started this past month. Let's please welcome Layla B. and Gio L. to our Infant Room, Chloe J. and Vivenna A. to our Waddler Room, Luka G. to our Toddler Room and Manmeet S. and Sincere P. to our Preschool Room.

We are very happy to have you all join our Bright Beginnings family!



AUG WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Ahoy Mateys!



Week 2: Reptiles



Week 3: Goodbye Summer

Week 4: Back to School



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ORDERS!!!

We will be doing our monthly Scholastic Book orders again! This is a great way to get some children's books for your child's collection and help us earn free books for the school! Orders are due the 15th of the month and shipped right to the school for easy pick up. You can order using the order forms or online.



CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

Waddler Room News:

July has gone by fast!

Here are some highlights for the month. The Waddlers had fun learning about sea life as they colored the ocean, they listened to the sounds the ocean makes, and all the creatures that live in it.

The waddlers are doing really well sitting during Storytime! They are using their listening ears and enjoying some new books that are being brought into the classroom.

We welcomed Thea and Nolan to the Waddler room as they transitioned from the infant classroom.

And sadly, we said farewell to Ryan as he moved to a new house and is going to be going to a new school. We also said farewell to Jackson as he transitioned into the Toddler room.

Have fun, we'll miss you!

- Ms. Laura



Toddler Room News:

Hello families:

We wrapped up July with the theme called 'Ocean Commotion'. We did some amazing activities, including making ocean sun catchers with the children. The children used ocean animal cutouts, coffee filters, glue and watercolor paint to make the sun catchers. When the project was finished, we taped it to our classroom window. They looked beautiful!

Another activity the children did was making jellyfish out of small plastic plates, paint, glue, tissue paper and googly eyes. The little jellyfish came out so cute that we had to tape it to our classroom wall.

We are looking forward all of the fun things we are going to do for the rest of the summer!

- Ms. Ruhma & Ms. Emily



School Age News:

Hello, hello, hello! August is here and Fall is near!

One word to describe July – AMAZING!!! The children listened to Ms. Crystal read some fun books and did some cool activities all month. They put on a puppet show, created their own animals that change colors, and had a sing-along session. Even Mrs. Linda had to stop by and get in on the singing. This year's art show was fantastic! The children worked really hard to create their masterpieces and we couldn't be prouder.

As a reminder, breakfast is from 8:45am – 9:15am. If you would like your child to partake in some good ole breakfast and conversation, please try to have them dropped off by 8:45am. Thank you so much.

-Ms. Crystal, Ms. Meghan & Ms. Rose



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CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

Preschool Room News:

Hello Preschool Parents,

We would like to welcome Ms. Tiffany as she has been helping us out during the summer. She fit right in with the preschool classroom. We also want to welcome some of our new classmates, Manmeet and Sincere. Glad to have you both join our class.

I hope you all are enjoying your summer so far.

Just a little recap of July, we had so many things going on. We had great excitement celebrating the 4th of July in our class. We made our tie dye t-shirts which came out nice. We did some art and we learned about our flag.

The second week of July we learned about the Ocean and what types of creatures live there. We made sand dessert, don't worry the sand was graham crackers! We also made sun catchers which came out so cute.

For the third week of July, we learned about all the fun things you can do while camping, and all about camping safety too. We had fun painting with marshmallows. On the 17th we ate yummy hotdogs for national hot dog day. Then we came to school wearing our pajamas and didn't forget to bring a flashlight.

To celebrate Art week, we picked up a paint brush and painted with your kiddos and shared their artistic talents for our art show in the classroom. We have some future Picassos! We enjoyed showing our artwork to all the parents at our art show.

And lastly, we had fun being a summer scientist and boy did we do a lot of experimenting. Hope you didn't bring your best outfits to school because we got messy. We look forward to the rest of our summer with more fun.

God Bless

- Ms. Sonia



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Pre-K Room News:

Hello There Pre K Families. We hope you're having a wonderful summer!!!

July was HOT, HOT, HOT.... EXCITING and sooooo much FUN!!!

Summer is in full swing and so is our "Water Play" days, the children are loving it. Us teachers are having a blast too!

We started our month off with learning about our beautiful country and honoring our flag. We learned the importance and significance of the Stars and Stripes on our flag. We wore our cool red, white and blue tie dye shirts, and we marched around to some patriotic songs.

"Ocean Commotion" was a real SPLASH learning about some really cool ocean creatures. We read some fun books and did amazing art projects. Pre-K and Preschool joined together for some yummy Sand dessert.

Camping week was a BLAST!!! From Marshmallow Art, to celebrating National Hotdog Day, and Pajama Day. We brought our flashlights in and made shadow art on the ceiling and walls. Fun was had by all!!!

Our CREATIVE juices were flowing during Art week. We absolutely loved watching the children do their thing such as Michelangelo paintings, foil art, sculptures, round table group art and so much more. The children were so EXCITED to have their families come to our Art show to see their creations!

Let's not forget our "Summer Scientist Week" we did a balloon experiment, tornado in a bottle, rainbow color milk and skittles experiment just to name a few. Such an interesting and exciting week.

We have some FANTASTIC activities and events lined up for August, so stay tuned. August here we come!

- Ms. Lisa & Ms. Ana



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Back-to-School Tips for A Successful Start to the Year

by Susan Brown

The start of the new school year is always cause for excitement! It's also a big change to routines for both kids and parents. To help keep the beginning of the school year fun and not frightful, we have a list of tips to keep the whole family happy.

New and Nervous

Many children get nervous about unknown situations. This can include a change of teacher, classroom, or maybe they are going to a whole new school. This doesn't just happen for children new to school. This can happen for students of all ages. Before school kicks off, take some time to do something fun with your child that will also give you time to chat. Maybe take a walk, make a picnic and sit together outside. Take this time to ask them what they are most excited for and if they are nervous about anything. This gives you a dedicated time to let them know it's natural to be nervous and you can talk through it together.

Sleep Schedules

School year hours may vary widely from summer hours. Get your kids started early on their bedtime and wake-up routine! Adjusting wake-up times by 15-30 minutes for one to two weeks before classes start can help everyone have a happier morning when they need to get to class on time.

A Place for Learning

Depending on the age of your child they may start coming home with homework sooner rather than later. Have your child help pick a dedicated study spot in your home. Let them decorate, pick up supplies and even put their name on it so they know it's their special spot. Children who help in the creation of their space are more likely to be excited to use it.

Do You Have a Bus Buddy?

For children taking the bus for the first time it can be a daunting experience. Consider meeting up with one of your child's neighborhood friends a few minutes before the bus arrives so they can sit together. They can then support each other and help each other start the day off on the right foot.

Make mealtimes count

Take some time over a meal to talk about your family's day – what did you enjoy the most and the least, what do you look forward to. Engaging in these conversations regularly with your child will help everyone understand each other better and give your child something to look forward to at the end of the day. The more consistent these conversations are, the more likely you are to avoid the dreaded, "nothing!", when asking your child what they learned today.

Back-To- School Tips from healthychildren.org

**Read to your children, it's
the best investment you will
make in their education.**



A LOOK BACK AT JULY EVENTS



ART SHOW!!!



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