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Summer Program

Live 2 Play



Hello Families!

What a wonderful Summer we have had so far! From our youngest babies to our school-age children, everyone has been enjoying fun-filled days in the sunshine.

Summer Fun Around the Center

Our babies and toddlers have loved spending time at the splash pad, exploring sensory tables, and going on walks. Our 2- and 3-year-olds have been especially excited about bus

rides for field trips, water play days, and morning playtime on the new “big kid” playground. The older children have also been making the most of summer with their new playground, field trips, water play, and time spent watching the garden grow. To say the least, your children have had a great summer!

Fall Program Reminders

Our Fall Program will be starting before we know it - on Monday, August 31!

Early Closing Reminder: On Friday, August 28, we will be closing early at 3:00 p.m. so teachers can prepare and transition their classrooms for the Fall Program.

If you have any schedule changes for your child, please let me know as soon as possible since I am beginning to put class lists together. Teacher and classroom lists will be posted later in August. Please watch for those updates on my door.

Thanks,

Jess Strick

Director

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Saturday, 8/22
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*Save
The
Date*

**GRANDMA'S HOUSE
DAY AT THE**

POOL *and
a*
PICNIC

Zero Depth Pool | Big Pool | Water Slide Geysers
 Sand Play Area & Playground | Lunch | Ice Cream

MEET & MINGLE WITH OTHER FAMILIES

 **WIBERG AQUATIC | PICNIC AREA 9
 BROOKFIELD, WI**

*Meet & Mingle
with families
from
Grandma's House*

There is still time
to RSVP

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Join Us
Rain or Shine



July

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| 1 | Taylor D. |
| 1 | Ms. Jennie |
| 2 | Sunny L. |
| 3 | Benson H. |
| 4 | Weston W. |
| 5 | Savannah K. |
| 6 | Ms. Ana |
| 11 | Charlotte Z. |
| 11 | Everett N. |
| 14 | Sawyer M. |
| 14 | Ms. Amanda |
| 15 | Brooke F. |
| 16 | Thomas M. |

18	Ms. Janell
26	Lennon H.
26	Ms. Sami
29	Hudson A.
31	Tate U.
31	Reagan W.
31	Thomas L.

August

8	Lorraine P.
9	Maren D.
9	Ms. Nikki
10	William M.
16	Noah Z.
17	Vinny C.
18	Ms. Michele
19	Mr. Scott
20	Tucker O.
22	Ms. Olivia
25	Ivy W.
25	Niam C.
25	Nicholas R.
29	Louis R.
29	Olivia L.
31	Rae W.

CONGRATULATIONS

*on celebrating anniversaries with
Grandma's House*

July

Ms. Sheryl 34 Years

Ms. Makenzie 4 Years

August

Ms. Michele 32 Years

Ms. Christie 28 Years

Ms. Denise 17 Years

Ms. Amanda 17 Years
Ms. Aimee 15 Years
Ms. Claudia 14 Years
Ms. Olivia 2 Years
Ms. Annie 1 Year

Sunflowers - Mr. Jared and Ms. Ashley Z.

Summer sure is flying by! We have been very busy in the sunflower classroom between bottles, naps, learning to roll, crawl, and walk. We try to get outside as much as possible for stroller rides and playground visits when the weather is cool enough. We even made it out for water play to join the toddlers. This month, we will be engaging in our Ice Cream and Eric Carle lesson plans. We will be popping bubbles, poking polka dots, painting with different mediums, and exploring the world around us. This group loves story time! Infants enjoy “reading” all different types of books including touch-and-feel, board books, soft-cover, and wordless books. You will notice your child making different facial expressions while exploring books. You can help them by imitating the different expressions during parts of the story. We love helping the children learn and grow!

Hungry Hippos - Ms. Denise and Ms. Ashley S.

Whew! Summer has been good to us! All the water exploration we have indulged in by pouring, splashing, scooping, and good old throwing water everywhere! Thank you, parents, for all the swim diapers! The Hungry Hippos also explored different tastes of melon, fresh apples (diced, julienned, and smashed), and chunks of ice pops. We are also progressing very well using our plates and spoons during mealtimes. We have been very intrigued with “things that go:” trucks, buses, airplanes, etc. We will continue to practice with our spoons, turning pages of books, building with Legos and drinking out of straw cups. We are also working on “gentle hands”, following directions of teachers, and putting our toys away – singing “clean up, clean up,” and asking the children to bring a toy and cheering when they do. We will continue to explore the sensory exploration that the weather has to offer. Parents, enjoy the summer because we surely are! Stay Hydrated!

Wild Things - Ms. Lori and Ms. Annie

Can you believe how fast this summer is flying by?! The last couple of months we have been learning about Ice Cream, Under the Sea, and Camping. Our Ice Cream unit was a big hit – no surprise there! We stacked ice cream cones, scooped ice cream, and tried different

flavors of ice cream – Blue Moon was our favorite. During our Under the Sea unit, we did a fun sensory activity mixing cool whip and blue Jello together. We are always working on our language development through books and activities. One portfolio focus we have been working on is recognizing and learning our friends' names by singing songs like *Look Who Came to School Today*. Our other big accomplishment is that we all use our spoons and sit nicely in our chairs at snack and lunch, Yay! All our friends have been enjoying water play. We had some hot weather this past month and we kept cool jumping and splashing in the pools! We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!

Puddle Ducks - Ms. Cat and Ms. Olivia

It all started with one pinecone! One of the Puddle Ducks found a pinecone on the playground and brought it inside. Soon it became an important part of our group. One by one the Puddles Ducks became interested in pinecones. We have so many pinecones inside and out. They are used in science explorations, art experiences, and dramatic play scenarios. Vocabulary and math concepts are explored. This connection to nature opened up feelings of care for others and a sense of calmness when holding onto a pinecone. Pinecones are given to sad children by other children to make them feel better. Pinecones are painted, put in water, and covered with blankies. We read one of our favorite books, Penguin and Pinecone while holding pinecones. At the end of the day, the main pinecone is put in Ducky's care (our class mascot) on the counter until the next day. As Stephen Moss, a British natural historian said, *"Nature is a tool to get children to experience not just the wider world, but themselves."*

The Cakes - Ms. Amanda and Ms. Bree

Wow, it's already August! Summer is just flying by. So far we have enjoyed lots of water play on the playground. We even spruced the playground up by adding pools of bubbles, shaving cream, and soapy water. We are having the best time going on field trips to different splash pads, parks, and even the Zoo. Most importantly, we LOVE the bus! This summer has been filled with lots of fun activities. During our Camping unit, we made S'mores and made tents out of toothpicks and marshmallows. We are excited to continue our summer fun and look forward to more rides on the bus!

Little Explorers - Ms. Jenny and Ms. Michelle

Happy Summer! Everyone has adjusted so well to our classroom and we have settled into a

good routine. So far, we have learned all about the beach and sand. Everyone had the opportunity to build their own sandcastles using cups and enjoyed exploring an edible sand sensory bin. We also had a great time during our Ocean unit. We created lots of fun projects and even made our own ocean scenes using graham crackers and blue frosting. It was a fun and creative way to bring our learning to life. Coming up in August, we will be learning about Ice Cream and we will have a chance to taste test a variety of flavors! We are making the most of the summer weather by enjoying the playground, nature walks, and plenty of water play. The children have done a great job on our field trips and have so much fun visiting new places. We are looking forward to a wonderful rest of the summer filled with more learning opportunities, laughter, and exciting adventures.

Circus Pals - Ms. Jennie and Ms. Janell

With summer in full swing, we have been doing lots and lots of water play, so please make sure your child has a swimsuit, closed-toe water shoes, and a towel. We are also having an awesome time with all of our fun field trips. Be sure your child has a water bottle and socks in their cubby along with extra clothes. This month we have been working hard not only getting ourselves to undress but also putting on our swimsuits and water shoes without help from a teacher. Another focus we have been working on is doing things independently by grabbing our own utensils, plates or bowls, cups, and chairs for mealtimes. Lastly, we all have been working on using our words with friends when they take or have something we want.

Under the Sea - Ms. Rina and Ms. Cassidy

We are having such a fun summer under the sea! All of the field trips and water play are sure to keep us busy! We started off the summer with Weather and Camping lessons. During our Weather lesson, we learned about the water cycle, graphed the weather each day for 2 weeks, and created fun rainbow art. The children loved learning about tornadoes the most. During our Camping lesson, we created S'mores in a "S'more solar oven" and practiced learning letters by creating our name with marshmallow letters. The children also enjoyed making S'more bars, YUM! We are looking forward to the rest of our field trips and more water play. Have a great rest of your summer!

Popsicles - Ms. Brittnee and Ms. Nikki

Summer! Wisconsin surely is showing us a hot one this year! We have been able to spend

a ton of time outside in the water and the children are having a blast! We have done pools, sprinklers, water balloons, and tons of dance parties with the hose and speaker! Our field trips also have been such a great time! The Pewaukee Splash Pad/Park was sure a hit as well as Ingleside Water Park. As far as lessons, we have talked about Authors, Sports, Colors, and Oceans! We really appreciate all the parents who signed up to read to our class and those of you that brought fruit in for our fruit salad - thank you! We are really looking forward to August and just love hanging out with your kiddos this summer!

Discovery Camp - Ms. Holly

Summer in the School Age room has been full of fun and exciting experiences! In addition to the field trips we've already enjoyed, the children stay busy with engaging activities and creative play each day.

As a group, we have completed three puzzles and are currently working on our most challenging one yet. We have also started our third chapter book as a read-aloud, and the children continue to look forward to story time each day.

In small groups, the children have been planning and preparing their own play, which they are excited to perform for the younger classes in the coming month. Their creativity shines through in their imaginative play as well. Whether they're running a store, teaching in a classroom, or caring for pets in a pet shop, they are always creating clever storylines and taking on unique roles.

Art is a daily favorite in our classroom. The children enjoy painting, coloring, and designing a variety of projects, allowing them to express their creativity in new ways each day.

Some of the class's favorite games this summer have been Hangry, Garbage, and Checkers. It has been wonderful watching the children learn, create, collaborate, and have fun together throughout the summer!

