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Summer Program

Live 2 Play



Dear Parents,

What a wild-weather summer we've had so far! From extreme heat to smoky days, we always make the best of it. We watch the AQI daily and make changes throughout the day as the air quality can fluctuate. Please keep in mind that we are required to go outside twice a day, weather permitting.

Our children over the age of 2 have enjoyed many rides on the “bumpy bus” to places such as Kids in Motion, Hart Park Splash Pad, Wick Field Splash Pad, Wiberg Aquatic Center, Elm Grove Village Park, Ingleside Waterpark and we’ve enjoyed all the fun enrichment programs that came to the center! Meanwhile, the infants and toddlers love water play and relaxing stroller rides through the neighborhood.

As much as we are enjoying the beautiful weather and outside activities this summer, our teachers are beginning to prepare for our Fall Program which officially begins on Monday, August 31st. We are always sad to see our preschoolers leave us, but we know they are well prepared! As a reminder, we close at **3pm on Friday, August 28th** to give our teachers a chance to deep clean and set up their classrooms. Be sure to watch for Fall Class Lists which will be posted in mid-August.

I am looking into setting up a parent’s group. If you are interested, please join me at the Center on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month at 6:00 pm. We’ll chat about upcoming events and you can share your ideas for activities we can plan for our teachers and family nights. This is also a great opportunity to meet other parents. No need to RSVP, just show up if you can! Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11, at the Center.

Thanks,

Claire Cramton

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*
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
[CLICK HERE](#)

*Join us
Rain or Shine*



July

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| 1 | Annie R. |
| 1 | Dottie L. |
| 2 | Ezra L. |
| 4 | Ms. Torria |
| 8 | Ms. Megan |
| 9 | Brooks J. |
| 11 | Dez E. |
| 11 | Ms. Melissa |
| 15 | Abigail B. |
| 16 | Salina S. |
| 19 | Ni'Kylah C. |
| 19 | Lucas S. |
| 19 | Ms. Theresa |

21 Lawson R.
22 Bo B.
22 Andie M.
22 River P.

August

2 Ellison C.
3 Rosie S.
4 Ms. Inna
10 Julius O.
12 Arthur L.
13 Cleo D.
13 Harriet K.
13 Ms. Abbie
14 Cora C.
15 Zoe P.
17 Maisie B.
18 Mira H.
18 Ms. Michele
19 Madyson S.
19 Mr. Scott
21 Reese M.
23 Rowan B.
23 Ms. Alyssa
24 Royce C.
24 Sloane S.
24 Mr. Justin
24 Ms. Dawn
26 Brooks M.
27 Elizabeth G.
29 Juleeyn O.
30 Amelia R.
31 Ms. Nat

CONGRATULATIONS

on celebrating anniversaries with

Grandma's House

July

<i>Ms. Sheryl</i>	<i>34 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Nikki</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Sam</i>	<i>9 Years</i>
<i>Mr. Terry</i>	<i>9 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Myeesha</i>	<i>3 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Julia</i>	<i>3 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Mia</i>	<i>2 Years</i>

August

<i>Ms. Judeen</i>	<i>36 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Christie D.</i>	<i>28 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Torria</i>	<i>3 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Aliyah</i>	<i>3 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Inna</i>	<i>3 Years</i>
<i>Ms. Dawn</i>	<i>3 Years</i>

Baby Belugas - Mr. Justin and Ms. Netzy

We are so excited to spend the summer with your little ones, going on walks and enjoying the sun! During the beginning of summer, we learned about the Ocean and Summer Vacation through sight, sound, and touch. Your baby has heard the songs Baby Beluga and Summer Anthem Song Fun in the Sun from Sesame Street. We have read books such as *Ocean Tails* (a touch/feel book) and *Pete the Cat at the Beach*. Through sensory play, the babies have seen animals float around in water, touching/playing in water, and putting our wet hands on paper to see how it changes.

We have also been engaging in a lot of one-on-one play with each child, talking to them, making silly faces to see if they can copy it (smiling, sticking tongue out), and playing peek-a-boo. We also count their fingers and toes. During this time, we are also playing on the floor doing tummy time to get strong, lift our heads, and practice rolling.

We are so excited to see them shine through the rest of the summer!

Dreamy Dolphins - Ms. Judeen and Ms. Sam

These summer months are flying by and we hope everyone has been having fun in the sun and enjoying the hot weather. Our little friends are keeping themselves busy this past month learning about Eric Carle and fun things to do at the Beach. During our Eric Carle lesson plan, we explored the beautiful art created by him through his books in his writing and his iconic illustrations. We were able to engage with his artwork by listening to our

teachers in spoken words, reading his books aloud, and looking at his artwork on the walls at eye level. We learned about the many fun things you can do at the Beach through books, pictures, and sensory activities such as playing in “sand” that was made from crushed crackers. Some of our targeted portfolio skills this past month included strengthening our pincer grasp, picking up small objects, and learning to pull up to stand with assistance. We love watching our little friends learn and grow through all our fun, play-based activities and we’re always looking forward to seeing what else is in store!

Seahorse Squad - Ms. Drea and Ms. Pakou

Throughout July, we explored the sights, sounds and textures of summer! We enjoyed reading themed books like *Red, White, and Boo* and *Baby Loves Summer*. We also enjoyed waterplay and a cool whip sensory activity to build curiosity and encourage exploration. We also focused on strengthening our gross motor skills while exploring slinkies and beach balls.

In August, our themes will be Ice Cream and Under the Sea where we will paint with frozen yogurt and look for sea creatures in sensory bottles. Thank you for sharing your little ones with us each day. We look forward to more fun and learning together this month!

Jellyfish Junction - Ms. Diana and Ms. Liz

We have had SO much fun with your child this summer! Even with this heat, we’ve been able to get outside daily to play on the playground, explore water play, and go on walks. We have been using extra clothes from your child’s cubby when they get wet so please check your child’s cubby regularly to see if they need more weather appropriate back up outfits.

Our summer lesson plans have been about Transportation, Colors, Clouds, and Oceans. We’ve done so many fun activities like using cars to make car tracks with paint, stretching different color pop tubes, making music with cloud shaped bell shakers, and discovering the types of animals found in the ocean. Summer always goes by so quickly but we will continue to keep busy, accomplish new milestones, have fun, and play with our friends! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to message through the app or talk to us at drop off/pick up.

Ocean Pearls - Ms. Christie and Ms. Inna

This summer has truly been fiery fun and there’s nothing quite like water play that helps us

beat the heat! We have absolutely enjoyed our outdoor moments splashing in the water and having fun in the sun while still protecting our little noses with sunscreen! Since the weather hasn't always been ideal for staying outside all day, we have brought the summer fun indoors with exciting activities like stacking ice cream scoops and kicking beach balls. Pretending to be at the beach was the highlight so far as we wore adorable sun hats and sunglasses, collected seashells, and played in a pool.

As we continue exploring all things Summer, we have also transformed our classroom into a cozy indoor campsite complete with smores, tents, and camping cots! These past two months have been packed with endless cheerful moments. Thank you for trusting us to care for your wonderful toddlers this summer. We are so proud of their growth and we can't wait for more adventures ahead.

Tiny Turtles - Ms. Jackie and Ms. Dawn

We hope everyone is having a fantastic summer. To beat the summer heat, we enjoyed a lot of water play with our water tables, sprinklers, spray bottles, and sensory buckets. During our Under the Sea and Summer themed lessons, we have focused on fun seasonal activities that help strengthen our fine motor and gross motor skills as well as encourage identity and language development. Pretend play with sea creatures, toy ice cream cones, and toy popsicles was a blast. The children loved matching pictures of colorful fish and summer items and they did such a great job working on turn taking with each other. Looking ahead, we will be learning about All Things That Roll with fun activities like ball play and rolling vehicles down ramps. And, of course, we will still be splashing and playing in water!

Aqua Amigos- Ms. Kam and Ms. Julia

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! Our classroom was full of smiles, laughter, and exciting adventures. The children have been staying busy learning through play, exploring new experiences, and enjoying our summer field trips together. This month we'll be learning all about veterinarians and how they help keep animals healthy. We'll read stories about pets and farm animals, pretend to care for stuffed animals in our dramatic play area, practice being kind and gentle with animals, and learn about the tools veterinarians use.

We'll also be exploring the wonderful world of colors! Through art projects, songs, and sensory activities, the children will practice recognizing and naming colors. Mixing paints, sorting colorful objects, and hunting for colors around the classroom will make learning both fun and hands-on.

Overall, we've been working on color recognition, expanding vocabulary, following simple directions, sharing and taking turns, fine motor skills through art and sensory play, and social skills through cooperative play.

Just a friendly reminder, please send your child in weather appropriate clothing, bring a water bottle, and have a swimsuit, towel, and swim diapers available for waterplay.

Thank you for sharing your amazing little ones with us each day. Watching them grow, learn, and build confidence is such a joy. We look forward to making many more fun summer memories together! Have a wonderful month!

Bubble Buddies - Ms. Aliyah and Ms. Kourtney

We have had so much fun together this summer, we can't believe it is almost over already. These past couple of months we have had the pleasure of going on our first field trips. Our class really enjoyed the Zoo and Splash Pads, though, the most fun is riding the "bumpy" bus to and from the trips. We are looking forward to Kids in Motion. It has been so much fun for the children to share their parents with the class when we have chaperones. Here at the center, we have had lots of fun experiences, too. From bubble parties, animal shows, and storytellers, we always have a new adventure. We are no stranger to waterplay with these hot days; it's such a great way to cool off. This last month of summer will be spent soaking up all the moments and memories we make. We want to thank our classroom families for all the things you do! Have a great August.

Jolly Jellyfish - Ms. Becca and Ms. Melissa

Hello Families! We have been having so much fun this summer. We've had fun lesson plans like Farm/Zoo Animals, where we got to pretend being veterinarians and did art projects that turned us into pigs and tigers! We also did a Summer Senses unit where we made our own fruit popsicles.

Our field trips have been our favorite part of the summer. From a bubble party to a dance class at the center to go on the bumpy bus to the zoo, Kids in Motion and the splash pad, and we still have half the summer to go!

With this hot weather, we've been enjoying water play outside and popsicle treats to cool off. Please always make sure that your child has a water bottle here so we can help keep them hydrated.

Ocean Commotion - Ms. Jenn and Ms. Kaitlin

It is crazy to think that summer is already half over. This past month we have been working on some fan favorites that the children really enjoy. We used water droppers to transfer

water from one cup to another and used them to fill up pop-it holes. We used small wooden hammers to pound golf tees into pool noodles or a box. We also used them to hit cotton balls filled with paint and watched it go SPLAT! We used fruit loops to color match rainbow stripes. We also learned about dental health and had fun brushing fake, molded teeth and used tweezers to extract fake teeth from playdough.

Just a couple of reminders...If your child is in the process of potty training, please make sure their cubby is filled with extra clothes, underwear, socks and an extra pair of shoes. Also, it is easier to potty train with pull-ups instead of diapers. The children like to show their independence by pushing down and pulling up their pants. The pull-ups that reattach are convenient for that.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sea Sprouts - Ms. Alyssa and Ms. Megan

We have had such a fun summer going on field trips and staying cool with a ton of waterplay! Since we love being outdoors, a lot of our lesson plans have reflected that with our Bug unit and finding any way to engage our brains outdoors. We will continue to water play, so please keep swimming items here until the end of August/early September. Since a lot of friends will be starting school in the Fall, we have been spending a lot of time practicing letter recognition in our name and tracing out the letters. We have gotten really good at it so far! During August, we plan to talk about our community and our Community Helpers, continue practicing our letters and numbers, and have as much fun as possible! As always, please feel free to come to us with any questions or concerns.

Super Sea Otters - Ms. Nikki

Hello everyone! We've been enjoying our summer here in the Super Sea Otter Room. Some of our favorite field trips so far have been the Ingleside Water Park and Hart Park Splash Pad. We learned all about sea otters and what makes them special through several nonfiction books. In addition, we've learned about the letters H, S, T, L, M, and the sounds they make. We look forward to more field trips and summer fun throughout the next month.



