



KIDS FIRST NEWPORT NEWS

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ROOM 3 - FARM ANIMALS

We can't believe its August already! Let's hope we have some cooler days this month because whew! July was a hot one! We've been learning a lot about different types of vacations like the beach, camping and many other places we can go! We also learned about the different types of fruits and vegetables and how yummy they are! Everyone has been growing so much! Semaj and Tristen love to color and have become so detailed in their drawings. Amar and Elijah are always eager to read a book and love to name things in the story. Deangelo loves to play with the shape sorter while Jarviyon loves rolling the cars around. Zymeah and Johrod like to do puzzles and are getting better at putting the pieces in their selves. Johrie is talking more and more. We had to say good bye to Jalacia. We will miss her. But we did get to welcome Ta'Lijah who is doing great! Please remember in all this heat to send sunscreen for your child to protect them from the sun! Thanks you so much for letting s be a part of your child's life!



Room 5 - Wild Kingdom

The Wild Kingdom survived the hot summer month of July. The temperatures have been scorching outside, but we have managed to find ways to keep cool and hydrated.

Last month we talked about lakes, rivers, camping as well as vacation and going places. We also talked about summer fruits and vegetables. Our class enjoyed eating yummy watermelon! We said goodbye to our friend Trevion. We wish him well. Our class is making great progress at reaching our goals. We are so proud of each child. We have been working on our numbers 1-10, as well as our colors and shapes.

Samantha and Gunner love to sing and act out parts to the songs. James, Raiden and Liberty love to make things out of play dough. Laishaun, Braniya and Amir enjoy working puzzles. We are proud of each one of our children!

This month's themes are All About Me, My Body, 5 Senses, My Family and My School. Thank you parents for allowing us to be a daily part of your child's life.

ROOM 1 - BUSY BUGS

We've been feeling hot, hot, hot! The temperature's so high we've been trying to stay cool! The children love being sprayed with water outside and we always make sure to drink plenty of water. We learned a lot last month including "Beach, Sand and Surf", "Lakes, Rivers and Camping", "Going Places and Vacation", and "Summer Fruits and Vegetables". As we've been learning about all these fun things we've been accomplishing many goals as well! Bella and Ryder are able to wash their hands and face when given a wipe. Justyce will follow 2-step directions. Kayson has started enjoying music more and likes to sing along. Jeremiah has started imitating simple sounds and Will is able to pick up small objects, such as crackers and cookies, which are two of his favorites. Wesley always has a smile on his face and is getting very good at going up and down the ramp outside. We are so proud of our little ones! Please remember in this heat to send sunscreen for your child to help protect their skin from the bright sun. Thank you for all your involvement and letting us be a part of your child's life!

ROOM 2 - MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY

The Nursery had a hot July! We are learning and growing every day. In July we talked about going places and the different things we can do on vacation. We made boats to take us to all those places. We also talked about summer fruits and vegetables. We made a book about fruits and vegetables, talked about the different colors they can be, and used paint and crayons to make the colors. We also made a vegetable collage with pictures of different vegetables.

Hannah and Bryce moved to the back of the Nursery. They are doing well and making friends. Davis and Ja'Kalen like playing the musical instruments. Teagun and Saniya like chasing bubbles and popping them. Sara enjoys crawling around the room. Paris has discovered her hands and loves looking at them. This month we will be talking about our five senses, our families and school, and about other things that make us special. We hope everyone has a safe and cool August.

KIDS FIRST HAS OPENINGS FOR CHILDREN!!

DO YOU KNOW OF A CHILD
THAT MIGHT BENEFIT FROM
OUR SERVICES?

ROOM 4 - UNDER THE SEA

Under the Sea is feelin' hot-hot-hot! July after the 4th was packed with talk and pictures of Going Places, Vacations, Beaches, Sand and Surf. Zequan, Chase and Maeson all enjoyed making water pictures of lakes, rivers and camping. The ocean surf was compared with our lakes and rivers. Dakota, Trent and Eddie liked studies about summer fruits and vegetables. We made our own fruit baskets to take home. The cutting/snipping we do with scissors, gluing and play dough are all good fine motor muscle strengthening activities that will prepare our hands for writing. We all looked at pictures of places we could go and things families can do to have fun. This month the tide will turn to themes All About Me, 5 Senses, Family, School and Community. The teachers appreciate the uniqueness of each and every child. Thank you parents for your help, willingness and great response!

Regular attendance is very important at KIDS FIRST. Please remember that our attendance policy allows only 2 days per month for unexcused absences. If your child is going to be absent please call and let us

Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for August


Six Easy Steps

To increase your sensitivity to your child:

- Get face-to-face
- Get at your child's level
- Make and keep eye contact
- Keep a positive mood
- Wait for your child to start an interaction between the two of you
- Comment on what you think is in your child's heart and mind.

WHAT IS PROJECT NURTURE?

Project Nurture is KIDSFIRST's Infant Mental Health Program. Our goal is to promote the social and emotional well-being of KIDSFIRST infants, toddlers, and families through secure and nurturing relationships.



THE NURSE'S CORNER: August is Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

Hospital emergency rooms treat thousands of children each year who suffer from eye injuries in and around the home. In general, the most common causes of eye injuries to children age 14 and younger are caused by:

- Toys not suitable for the child's age or abilities, and broken toys
- Pens and pencils
- Adhesives
- General household cleaners
- Furniture
- Flatware and table settings
- Non-cosmetic bleaches
- Cigarettes, cigars, pipes, lighters
- Grooming products, cosmetics (hair care, makeup_
- Paper and cardboard products

About 90% of all eye injuries and 50% of all cases of blindness are preventable. You can help protect your child's sight by being aware of risks and taking proper precautions.

A child's eyes should be checked shortly after birth, before starting school (age 3 or 4), and throughout the school years as needed.

Regular eye care is important even when your child shows no signs of eye trouble.

