



# KIDS FIRST NEWPORT NEWS

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## ROOM 3 - FARM ANIMALS

The Farm Animals had a good time celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We painted and drew pictures. We learned new songs. We want to welcome aboard Jataelyn, Jazmine, Terrance, Cedric and Urijah from the Busy Bugs. We said goodbye to Dakota, Makon and Shaun. We miss you guys!!

Now, to update you on our progress: Gunner has come a long way. He is trying to talk more. Jazmine, Jataelyn and Cedric love to play in the kitchen. Laishawn and Autumn love to play in the blocks. Urijah and Terrance enjoy working puzzles. Kayden and JadaKris like to do their art work and Charlie loves to play with the trucks. We want to thank the parents for being involved in your children's lives.



## ROOM 5 - WILD KINGDOM

The Wild Kingdom has had a great summer. We did all types of projects. We enjoyed making 4<sup>th</sup> of July firecrackers and learning about fruits and vegetables. The children really enjoyed watering the garden and watching the plants grow. Our little ones had a good time.

Demarcus and Eddie love to play in the science area. Zequan, Zavion and Dakota like to play in the block area and build all types of things. Chase and Haily cook us all sorts of yummy food in the kitchen area. Makon has come out of his shell and is starting to adapt and mingle with his friends. We are looking forward to the coming month and learning about family, school and "all about me".

## ROOM 1 - BUSY BUGS

The "Busy Bugs" are continuing their journey of learning, laughing and growing! The month of July was bittersweet for the bugs. We lost four old friends: Jataelyn, Jazmine, Terrance and Urijah all moved up to the Farm Animals. We miss them dearly. However, we added four new friends to our family: Elijah, Jorie, Johrod and DeAngelo!

Through all our changes our little scholars haven't missed a beat! They're continuing to put forth the effort and meeting their goals! Akeelan has really expanded his vocabulary! He has started to use words to express his wants and needs. Tristen's one of our everyday helpers. She loves to sing the "Clean up Song"! Robert is doing a great job at using his spoon at meal time. Allison has a vocabulary of 20+ words. She's always talking to her teachers and peers.

We're very proud of our "Busy Bugs" children. We always have to thank our ECDS and therapists for their helping hands. Please remember regular attendance is very important for your child! Parents, thanks for letting us be part of your child's journey through childhood.



## ROOM 2 - MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY

July flew by for the nursery. We can hardly believe it is August already. In July we said goodbye to John and Ryder. We also welcomed Alena, Kash and Brennen. We have enjoyed getting to know them. Zahara and Rashawn moved to the waddler section of the nursery. R.J. and Deangelo moved up to the Busy Bug room.

Krysten and Daxton are both cruising around the room very well. Saniya is rolling over and trying to crawl. LaJavion enjoys pulling up and playing with dangling toys. Kemya enjoys playing in the floor with the dangling toys. Akeela loves dancing along to music. Damajia and Rashawn enjoy playing with balls. Zahara and CedKingdom enjoy playing with blocks. Jaydan likes banging on the musical toys.

This month we will be learning about our bodies and 5 senses. We will also learn about families and school. Some of us will have siblings going to school this month. We hope everyone has a fun August and stays cool in this heat!

ROOM 4 - UNDER THE SEA

Another month has come and gone and we had an exciting July. We learned about flags and made our own flags. We made fireworks out of glitter. We learned 4<sup>th</sup> of July songs. We made sand pictures with “real” sand! We did so many things in the month of July. We have another addition to our sea mates. We would like to welcome Destiny to our room! She is fitting in very well with her other mates. Trent and Nathan are doing well with their gross motor skills. Jessica is communicating well her teachers and peers. Octavious and Destiny have been enjoying the dramatic play area. Leah and Joshua have been improving in their fine motor skills. Le'Bryant has been enjoying our little computer. He loves the different sounds it makes. Maria has been working hard with the puzzles. Shaniya has enjoyed building blocks. As you see, we have been learning all kinds of stuff. As we draw to the end of summer we would like to thank each and every one of the parents who continually support us through the year. Hopefully you all will continue to have a nice, safe summer!



CHANGING FACES AT KIDS FIRST

You will probably be noticing the absence of some familiar faces at KIDS FIRST. We have several employees leaving us to go back to school, relocate or get married! We will miss you all and wish you the best of luck. Those leaving us are:

- Elyse Rose – ECDS
- Starla Green – ECDS
- Lisa Walker-Hughes – Child Care Tech.
- Roshel Reed – Nursing Assistant

We are working to fill these positions with the best possible candidates to care for your children. We will keep you up-to-date on the new employees as they are hired, as well as the change in room assignments.

Long-time contract speech therapist Brandy Young also left KIDS FIRST this month. A new therapist has already begun and her name is Molly Confalone. We welcome Molly and you will be hearing more about her!

Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for August

Very young babies are usually willing to go to any adult. Older babies, although curious, are much more cautious around unfamiliar people—even close relatives. Respect babies’ needs for some extra time to feel comfortable and learn about new people in their worlds.



Hold your baby in your arms as you chat with a new person, and allow him to observe your interaction.

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.



**KIDS FIRST WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**

THE NURSE’S CORNER:

AUGUST IS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

Immunization is one of the most significant public health achievements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Vaccines have eradicated smallpox, eliminated wild poliovirus and significantly reduced the number of cases of measles, diphtheria, rubella, pertussis and other diseases. But despite these efforts, people in the U.S. still die from these and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vaccines offer safe and effective protection from infectious diseases. By staying up-to-date on the recommended vaccines, individuals can protect themselves, their families and friends and their communities from serious, life-threatening infections.

Getting immunized is a lifelong, life-protecting community effort regardless of age, sex, race, ethnic background or country of origin. Recommended vaccinations begin soon after birth and continue throughout life. Because children are particularly vulnerable to infection, most vaccines are given during the first five to six years of life. Other immunizations are recommended during adolescent or adult years and, for certain vaccines, booster immunizations are recommended throughout life.