

KIDS FIRST Morritilton

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CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



Cuddly Room

The summer has finally arrived although sooner than expected. The babies are enjoying the water so much. They love to splash and play in the water tables. The themes for July are beaches, water, sand and summer fruit. There are many great activities planned this month. Water play will continue every Wednesday weather permitting. The children are progressing well and accomplishing their goals and objectives. Rylee and Konnar are starting to crawl and move around the room. Airianna is smiling and cooing. Aubree is learning to kick a ball. The temperatures have been really hot. Hopefully they are going to get back to normal in the next week or two. Remember to put sun block on 30 minutes before an outside activity or going swimming. Parents thank you for sending your children every day.

Busy Bees

I hope everyone had a wonderful fourth of July holiday. Following the fourth we will be talking about colors, especially red, white, and blue. We'll be reading Mouse Paint and other books about color and there will be paint involved. We will also be talking about shapes (round and square) then about sizes (big and little). We have a variety of books, songs, and activities planned to introduce these concepts to the children. We will also be saying good-bye to Jaylynn this month. We will miss her and hope she comes back for a visit.

WE NEED YOUR HELP- ITEMS YOU CAN DONATE

- Sunscreen
- Shorts/Pants size 2-6
- Underwear Size 2-6
- Tennis Shoes Size 4-9
 - Socks
 - Wash Cloths
 - Dish Cloths

Rainbow Room

The kids are loving the water play. They have just had so much fun. Summer is now officially here. July has crept up fast. The temperatures have been really hot. Hopefully they are going to get back to normal in the next week or two. Remember to put sun block on 30 minutes before an outside activity or going swimming. There are many activities planned for the month of July. The themes for the month of July are Way Out West (Cowboys) and shapes and colors. The children are progressing well. Juan is talking a lot and is a joy to be around. Key-anna has really started talking a lot more. She loves to go outside and look for birds. Charlie is such a sweet little boy and we are glad to have him in our class. Parents remember that water day is every Friday weather permitting. With the warm temperatures drink plenty of fluids during outside activities. Parents thank you for sending your children every day.

Growing Room

We'll start out July with something really big, Dinosaurs! We'll learn what they eat, talk about colors and what color we'd like our dinosaur to have. We'll go on a hunt for dinosaur bones and maybe make our own volcano. We'll be talking about colors and size this month. Not just big and little, but things that are huge, gigantic, small and smallest. There will be activities for sorting by color, shape, and size and identifying objects by the same. We'll end the month with activities designed around camping. Categorizing by what you need and don't need on a camping trip, What would you wear, eat and possibly see on a camp out. We're looking forward to a fun July!

The Ramblin' Room

Where did June go? This summer is flying by. All the kids in the Ramblin' Room are doing so well. We are learning to talk, use our nice words, and many of us can already count. We are so glad to have Lucas back. He is helping us learn new words and is a welcome addition to our class.

This month we will be talking about cowboys, fruits, colors, and shapes. Please watch for daily notes about things your child may need to send to help with our lessons.

Just a reminder: We have started water play. Thanks to those of you who have sent the necessary items. If you haven't yet, we still need a towel and swimsuit for your child. We have found some extras in the center, so everyone has been able to participate. However, sunscreen is definitely something we can use.

The Sunshine Room

The heat won't let us forget that summer is here! We are enjoying our water play day, though. Thank you so much for sending everything your child needs for water play day. You guys are great!

I continue to be impressed with how much this class is learning. Our goal is to have them ready for kindergarten, and they are well on their way. Talking to some of them is like talking to little adults.

This month we'll be talking about the colors red, white, and blue. We'll also be studying picnics, reptiles, and dinosaurs. This will be a fun month!



Calendar of Events For July

July 7th -- Nutritionist
 July 13th - Ms. Lisa's Birthday
 July 15th - Dr. Ashcraft Clinic
 July 18th—Ms. Stephanie's Birthday
 July 27th - Ms. Phyllis Psychological Examiner
 July 28th—Ms. Jamie's Birthday
 July 28th—Konnar P. Birthday
 August 10th—Car Seat Safety Checks
 And Parent Meeting

Did You Know That...

- ◆ All Behavior is a way to communicate?
- ◆ All behavior that persists is usually working for the child?
- ◆ All problem behavior has a cause and a goal?
- ◆ There is a connection between a child's ability to communicate and challenging behavior?
- ◆ The pattern of behavior is important: not single or isolated events?
- ◆ The best approaches to challenging behavior are ones that:
 - ⇒ Respond to the underlying cause and need for the behavior?
 - ⇒ Use positive approaches?
- ◆ The best way to prevent challenging behavior is to foster children's social and emotional needs and skills?

Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for July

Choose a simple project to show love to someone this week. Brainstorm with your child, who may have great ideas and will "own" the idea more if they are involved in the planning. Some suggestions: Help care for an elderly neighbor's yard; Have a yard sale and/or lemonade stand and donate the money to a special cause; Make a meal and card for someone who has been sick and needs some "tender loving care."

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.



