



# KIDS FIRST NEWPORT NEWS

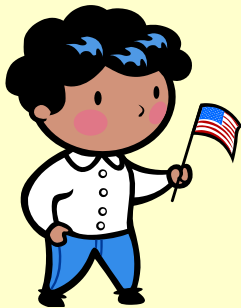
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## ROOM 5 - WILD KINGDOM

We've had a BLAST in the Wild Kingdom. All the children were excited about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The children learned about creepy crawlies in June and loved going outside to see what kinds of bugs they could find. Some of them would step on them and some of them would just sit and watch them. Zequan and Destiny both enjoyed going on a bug hunt. Demarcus and Eddie enjoy riding their bikes. Takaela and Haily enjoy playing with the babies. Zavion and Chase love to play with the blocks and drive their cars.

We enjoy having your children here with us and would like to encourage good attendance. Just a reminder that if your child is not going to be here please call and let us know. We thank you for all your support and hope you had a great, safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.



## ROOM 4 - UNDER THE SEA

Another month has flown by and the Under the Sea gang has been trying to keep cool but excited about the wonderful activities and fun things that lie ahead. The gang painted pictures, read stories and sang songs. Oh, what fun we did have! Jessica, Shaniya and Maria enjoyed making forms out of playdough. Joshua, Nathan and Octavious love building blocks. Leah is working hard on puzzles. Way to go Leah! Trent and Le'Bryant get a kick out of playing with the puppets. We are very proud of our gang and how hard they are working on accomplishing their goals. We look forward to what is in store for July. We are asking all parents to please send an extra change of clothing. Thank you.

## ROOM 1 - BUSY BUGS

The Busy Bugs are continuing to be busy...busy learning, laughing and growing! For the month of July we will focus on the following themes: Beach; Sand and Surf; Lakes, Rivers and Camping; Going Places/Vacation; Summer Fruits and Vegetables. We will also celebrate Tristen's birthday! This month we welcomed our friend Robert from the Mother Goose Nursery.

We love to brag on our "Busy Bugs" efforts and accomplishments...Jataelyn is working on matching objects to sounds. He also loves to look at books! Jasmine is our little helper who's very independent. She likes to dry her own hands after hand washing! Terrance is beginning to say more words! Urijah is extending his vocabulary as well. He can name his friends and teachers! Akeelan can show you where his eyes, nose, mouth, neck and ears are! Allison can help with simple household tasks. She's a very good helper! Tristen loves to play in housekeeping. She's also very cooperative in getting her teeth brushed. We love to applaud the "Busy Bugs".

This month we said goodbye to Kayden who moved up to the "Farm Animals". We also said goodbye to our dear friend and ECDS, Ms. Elyse. We would like to thank our ECDS's, therapists and nurse for their help. Parents, thanks for letting us be part of your child's journey through childhood.

## ROOM 2 - MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY

The babies are growing up so fast! Rashaun has mastered walking and is really taking off! Zahara is trying to walk and she does great while holding someone's hand. Saniya is getting better at moving around in the stepper. Daxton and Krysten are doing great pulling up on things. LaJavion is very close to having pulling up mastered. Kemya is trying to hold her bottle.

The waddlers are learning so fast. Deangelo and Trenton are both using more words. Damashiah and Akeelan both love to dance to music. Ryder enjoys throwing balls. CedKingdom and Jaden like playing music.

This month we will be learning about lakes, rivers and camping. We will talk about going places and vacations. We will also learn about summer fruits and vegetables. Thank you parents for letting us be a part of your children's lives. Also, please be sure your children have a change of clothes. Have a safe and happy July!

### ROOM 3 - FARM ANIMALS

The Farm Animals had an exciting month of June. We celebrated Father's Day and learned a few things about our garden and what's growing in our garden. The most important thing we learned is that our plants need plenty of water and the children enjoyed watering the garden. For Father's Day we made ties and sent our fathers a poem. We hope our fathers enjoyed because our kids enjoyed making it!

Now, to update you on our progress....Gunner loves the puzzles and JadaKris loves to throw and kick the balls. Cedric enjoys the books while reading a story to Laishaun when he can get her away from her favorite spot—dramatic play. She enjoys playing dress up. Charlie enjoys the blocks and Dakota loves the animals. Autumn enjoys coloring. Shaun likes the trucks and being a big helper to everyone. Makon is improving on his vocabulary and loves talking on the telephone. It is always a pleasure working with your children and we enjoy each and every one of them. We are so looking forward to the month of July.



### Reminders to Parents

1. Your child's regular attendance is very important to their progress. Also, KIDS FIRST attendance policies allow only 2 unexcused absences each month. If your child is going to be absent please call us at 523-2124.
2. If you know of a child who might benefit from attending KIDS FIRST please let us know, or refer the parent to us. You are our best advertisement for KIDS FIRST!

### Project Nurture

#### Nurturing Idea for July

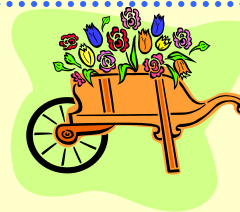
Choose a simple project to show love to someone this week. Brainstorm with your child, who may have great ideas and will "own" the idea more if they are involved in the planning. Some suggestions: Help care for an elderly neighbor's yard; Have a yard sale and/or lemonade stand and donate the money to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

### Upcoming Events



**Have you seen our garden?**

**We can always use help watering and weeding!**

### THE NURSE'S CORNER:

#### JULY IS UV SAFETY MONTH

It's summertime; the sun is bright and there is a great danger the sun can harm the eyes. Everyone is at risk for eye damage that can lead to vision loss from exposure to the ultraviolet rays of the sun.

Protect your eyes and your children's eyes by wearing sunglasses and wide-brimmed hats. To be effective, both must be worn every time you're outside for prolonged periods of time (even when it's overcast).

For more information contact your local eye doctor.