



KIDS FIRST NEWPORT NEWS

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ROOM 3 - FARM ANIMALS

May was quite a busy month for our room! First we started off by celebrating our moms on Mother's Day. We don't know what we would do without you! We also learned about insects, such as butterflies, bees and all sorts of creepy, crawly bugs. The children loved doing fingerprint painting and creating bugs out of their fingerprints. Each child is working hard on their own individual goals and progressively wonderfully. We would also like to acknowledge the awesome job our children are doing on potty training! Great job guys! We want to remind you to dress your child in light colored loose clothing suitable for hot weather because we will be going outside throughout the day! We appreciate your cooperation!



Room 5 - Wild Kingdom

The Wild Kingdom is gearing up for another month. The hot summer month of June is here! Last month we enjoyed learning about birds, bees and butterflies, along with celebrating Mother's Day and making special cards for our mothers. We also learned about outdoor adventures as well as sounds, speech and listening. This month's themes are creepy, crawly bugs, Father's Day, pond life/frogs, under the sea and shadows. We are so proud of all our children for their hard work at meeting their goals. Last month we said goodbye to Autumn and Jazmine. We wish them well. We said hello to our new friend Nicholas, who has adjusted well. We are glad to have him. Amir, Trevion and Raiden enjoy racing each other on the tricycles. Boy, can they go fast! Laishaun, Braniya and Samantha enjoy cooking in our kitchen! Mmmm, they cook up some yummy treats! Gunner, Samantha and Terrance really enjoy playing "Simon Says". They are always curious to know what Simon will say next. James, Terrance and Liberty enjoy building with the blocks. They enjoy seeing how high they can stack before they fall. We are very proud of all of our children! We would like to wish Samantha and James a happy birthday this month. Also, we would like to wish all our fathers a happy father's day. Thank you parents for allowing us to be a daily part of your child's life.

ROOM 1 - BUSY BUGS

May flew by and we can't wait to see what will happen in June! Throughout the month we will be learning about creepy, crawly bugs, frogs and pond life, fathers, life under the sea and the 4th of July. Our little ones have been growing and learning so much. Will loves climbing the stairs and going down the slide while Travon always loves riding a bike around the playground. Kayson and Justyce have both learned how to blow bubbles and love to show off their new talent. Bella loves to play with balls in the play room and Jeremiah likes to rock in the boat in the play room. We've welcomed Ryder to our class this month and we've loved getting to know him. Sadly we did say goodbye to Jayden, but we wish him the best! We will miss him. Please remember during the hot weather to send your child in cool clothes to play outside. Also, please send them in closed shoes they can run around in to help prevent falls and scraped knees. We are so proud of each and every child and thank you for letting us be a part of your child's life!

ROOM 2 - MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY

May flew by for the nursery. We talked about birds, bees, butterflies and other bugs. We also talked about outdoor adventures. We are all learning and growing fast. Paris likes sitting in the Bumbo seat, playing with toys. Hannah and Bryce enjoy walking around holding someone's hand. Kash likes dancing around the room. Ja'Kalen and Saniya enjoy playing in the kitchen area. Teagun likes to throw the ball. Davis likes playing with trucks. We said goodbye to Alena, Brennen and Luke. We will miss them. We welcome our newest addition to the nursery, Sara. This month we will talk about sea life and Father's Day. The nursery hopes everyone enjoys a sunny month of June.



**Join us Friday, June 10th
For the Annual Hawaiian-
themed Graduation and
Awards Ceremony
at 2:00 pm**

ROOM 4 - UNDER THE SEA

May in Under the Sea was eventful for our crew. Leah, Zavion, Zequan and Chase enjoyed our outdoor adventures. We all made binoculars out of paper rolls. Jessica, Dakota, Maeson, Eddie, Trent and Demarcus were very fascinated to learn about the bees, butterflies and birds. As we enjoyed nature and the great outdoors in our own back yard we talked about how special our mothers, grandmothers, aunts and women that care for us really are. We said happy Mother's Day. Speech, language and hearing activities were observed for heightening our awareness. All of our families agree that we were blessed to be spared when two twisters came close. Our Under the Sea crew has followed regular drill procedures for preparedness. We are looking forward to graduation and awards on June 10th. We are proud of each and every child's endeavors. Graduate hats off to Leah, Joshua, LeBryant and Jessica who will transition to kindergarten.

Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for June

Father Knows Best

In his *Special Address: Paternal Engagement and Mental health in Early Childhood* at the 2010 Zero to Three National Training Institute, Dr. Kyle Pruett noted that fathers are equally as likely as mothers to identify emotional milestones in their children, such as when they can feel fear and sadness. They are **more** likely than mothers to identify when children can sense parental anger, and equally likely to identify readiness for toilet-training. Finally, fathers are less likely than mothers to be satisfied with their work/family balance.



WHAT IS PROJECT NURTURE?

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

SOME SUMMERTIME INFO ABOUT KIDS FIRST: <><> We are getting ready for outside water play. Please send a bathing suit or large t-shirt and a towel for water play <><> Closed shoes are best. Flip flops and sandals can be a safety hazard and can cause your child to easily fall <><> We put sunscreen on children before going outside. If you would like to donate sunscreen for use it should have an SPF of 60 <><> We play outside every day, weather permitting. We will always choose to do what is safest for your child. If dangerously hot, we will go to the playroom

THE NURSE'S CORNER: June is Home Safety Month

Is your home safe for your family? Follow these 10 tips from the Home Safety Council to protect the people you love:

- Prevent falls
Install grab bars in the tub and shower. Use non-slip mats.
Have bright lights over stairs and steps and on landings. Keep stairs clear of clutter.
- Prevent poisonings
Keep cleaners, medications and beauty products in a place where children can't reach them. Use child safety locks.
For Poison Help call 1-800-222-1222 if you need help or want information about poisons. Call 9-1-1 if someone needs to go to the hospital right away.
- Prevent fires and burns
Have working smoke alarms and hold fire drills. If you build a new home, install fire sprinklers.
Stay by the stove when cooking, especially when you are frying food.
Keep your hot water at 120 degrees to prevent burns. Use back burners and turn pot handles toward the back of your stove. Use a travel mug when you drink something hot.
- Prevent choking and suffocation
Things that can fit through a toilet paper can cause a young child to choke. Keep coins, latex balloons and hard round foods, such as peanuts and hard candy where children cannot see or touch them.
Place babies to sleep on their backs, alone in their crib. Don't put pillows, blankets, comforters or toys in cribs. These things can sometimes keep a baby from breathing.
When your children are in or near water, watch them very carefully. Stay close enough to reach out and touch them. This includes bathtubs, toilets, pools and spas—even buckets of water.