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ROOM 3 - FARM ANIMALS

Our crew had a quite a busy month! We celebrated the arrival of spring by pasting together flower pictures. Zymeah and Tristen liked the pink ones best! During Arkansas Children's Week DeAngelo, Jarvion and Elijah had a blast making bubbles outside with the fly-swatters, and Amar, Jataelyn and Akeelan enjoyed a yummy treat while making their fruit loop necklaces! Jalacia and Samaj enjoyed making pictures with crayons and Johrod and Johrie loved playing with colored jello and watching it jiggle! We are so proud of each and every improvement each child has made over the months and we love being a part of their everyday lives!



Room 5 - Wild Kingdom

April flew by and we sprang into May. You know the saying, "April showers bring May flowers"? Well, we hope the rain showers are out of the forecast for a little while.

This month's themes are: Birds, Bees and Butterflies, Mother's Day, Outdoor Adventures and Sounds, Speech and Listening.

Last month our room enjoyed activities during Arkansas Children's Week. We made "gak", painted with food coloring, and mixed colors together to see what color they would make. We also had a great time at our Easter party and enjoyed hunting Easter eggs. We would like to say thank you to all our parents that sent treats for our party! We greatly appreciate it.

We are so proud of our children for all their hard work at meeting their goals! Last month we said bye to our friend Chase, who moved up. We said hello to Samantha, Terrance and Gunner who have adjusted well and are fitting into their surroundings. Trevion, Amir and Raiden enjoy throwing the ball and playing catch. They are getting really good at it too! Autumn and Liberty enjoy the book center. They read aloud and show the pictures to the class. Braniya and Laishaun enjoy singing and playing the musical instruments. They can really put on a show! Jazmine and James enjoy the puzzles and are very good at them! They are able to help anyone else that seems to get stuck on one. We are very proud of our children! We would like to wish Raiden a Happy Birthday this month! Also, we would like to wish all of our moms a very happy Mother's Day! Thank you parents for allowing us to be a daily part of your child's life.

ROOM 1 - BUSY BUGS

It's been a busy month for the Busy Bugs. We said farewell to Semaj, Elijah and Johrie when they moved up to the Farm Animals. They were growing and progressing so much it was time to move on up. Travon moved into our room from the nursery and loves his new friends. Then we welcomed 3 new children: Bella, Will and Justyce, who are all doing well.

Will loves to look at books and Justyce loves to play with the baby dolls. Bella likes to be outside and enjoy the sunshine. All of our other busy little bugs are doing well, too. Kayson is talking more and more. Jayden loves to ride the tricycle and has been working on using the pedals. Travon has adapted to his new room very well and loves to sing songs. Jeremiah loves to climb the stairs on the playground and is always ready to give a "high 5".

Everybody has been working so hard and making great progress! We are so proud of our "Busy Bugs".

Please remember to send a change of clothes with your child. They're so little they sometimes have accidents or get dirty on the playground. Thank you so much for letting us be a part of your child's life.



ROOM 2 - MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY

The nursery saw a lot of rain last month. We had fun learning and growing, though. We talked about spring and Easter last month. Thank you parents for making our Easter party a success. We also celebrated Arkansas Children's Week.

Everyone is doing very well. Paris is kicking her legs while on her stomach. Hannah is cruising the furniture. Kash and Ja'Kalen like throwing a ball to others. Alena is doing well with one syllable words. The infant side welcomed Bryce to the nursery and he loves to play. The nursery also said goodbye to Krysten and Jomya. Davis enjoys trying to name facial features. Saniya and Brennen enjoy playing with the toy house. Teagan enjoys playing in the kitchen area.

This month we will be talking about birds and bugs, as well as things outdoors. We will also be talking about sounds, speech and listening. The nursery looks forward to another month of learning and growing.

ROOM 4 - UNDER THE SEA

Under the Sea had spring fling in April, enjoying the warmer side, which included studying barnyard babies, Easter explosion, and celebration of Arkansas Children's Week. We planted seeds to grow plants for a garden. We made gooey "gak" and watched the ingredients change into something we could hold, play with and enjoy.

Chase, Trent, Leah, Zequan and Dakota loved books about Earth Day and keeping our world clean. We cleaned up the playground! Jessica, Eddie, Maeson, Le'Bryant, Demarcus and Zavion enjoyed learning about colors with Easter eggs, rainbows and freezing water colored with food color to paint on paper. We all enjoyed making bubbles with flyswatters dipped into soapy buckets of water. We had our own earthworms to count, watch in a container and let go in our garden. We hope parents enjoyed the plants and the art work the children brought home.



*It's time for the
annual graduation and
awards ceremony!
Mark your calendar for
Friday, June 3rd at
2:00 pm*



Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for May

Mother Knows Best

ZERO TO THREE's national survey of parents with children ages birth to 3 years—*Parenting Infants and Toddlers Today*—revealed that almost half of parents (47%) regularly turn to their mother or mother-in-law for information about child development and parenting.

Despite the wealth of child-rearing information available to parents— from blogs and websites to television shows, parenting books, and publications—our own mothers are one of the most powerful influences on our parenting decisions!



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:

As warm weather arrives, so does the increased danger for heat related injuries involving children. Each year children die from hyperthermia as a result of being left in parked vehicles. Hyperthermia is an acute condition that occurs when the body absorbs more heat than it can dissipate or break up. The effects can be more severe on children because their bodies warm at a faster rate than adults. Below are some safety reminders pertaining to parked vehicles:

Child Safety Tips

- **Make sure your child's safety seat and safety belt buckles aren't too hot** before securing your child in a safety restraint system, especially when your car has been parked in the heat.
- **Never leave your child** unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows down.
- **Teach children not to play** in, on or around cars.
- **Always lock car doors and trunks**—even at home—and keep keys out of children's reach.
- **Always make sure all children have left the car** when you reach your destination. Don't leave sleeping infants in the car ever!

