



KIDS FIRST NEWPORT NEWS

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ROOM 3 - FARM ANIMALS

The month of October came quickly! Time flies when you're having fun and learning! Last month we talked about our community helpers and what they do for us and our community. We also talked about the different types of transportation and how we can get from one place to another by land, air or water. We talked about farm animals and crops. This month we will focus on fall, pumpkins, Halloween and fire safety.

Last month we said goodbye to Kayden who moved up to the Wild Kingdom. We said hello to Isaaclee and Liberty. They have adjusted well and we're glad to have them.

On with our progress: Jazmine, Charlie and Urijah love sorting shapes and are very good at it. Terrance loves to explore and discover new things. He loves to tell everyone to "look" and "see". Gunner is trying to use his words. He will tell us "hi" and "bye" when leaving or entering the room. Akeelan and Jataelyn enjoy the pop beads. They enjoy snapping lots of them together to make long strands or necklaces.

We would like to remind our parents that your child's attendance is important so please be sure your child is here to benefit from our services. Also, as cooler weather approaches, please be sure to dress your child in warm layers and send an extra change of clothes.

Thank you parents for allowing us to be a daily part of your child's life.

Room 5 - Wild Kingdom

Hello from the Wild Kingdom! October was an exciting and fun-filled month. There were so many activities going. The children enjoyed every moment. We had some visitors from our Newport Fire Department who were very helpful to our children. The children learned what to do in case of a fire and also had a chance to get a good look at the fire truck. We painted paper plates and make pumpkins out of them, found a pumpkin in our own garden and decorated it, painted smaller pumpkins of our won and learned some new Halloween songs. We also went trick-or-treating at Lindley Health Care and got lots of goodies and later enjoyed a Halloween party of our own.

As always, parents, your children are learning and progressing very well. It's always a pleasure working with them. Each and every month they are always eager to learn new things. So, way to go Jazmine, JadaKris, Cedric, Shaun, Laishaun, Kayden, Christopher, Chase, Dakota, Demarcus, Makon and Eddie.

November is here so please dress your children warmly. Thank you!

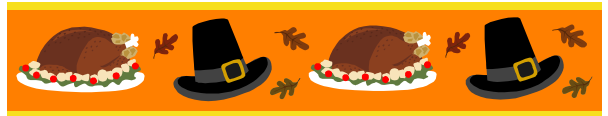


ROOM 1 - BUSY BUGS

The Busy Bugs are just that, busy! They're busy attempting and achieving the goals set out for them! Last month we welcomed our new ECDS, Mrs. Rachel! We also welcomed caregiver Mrs. Sandra from the nursery. We're happy to have both ladies be part of our class! This month the Busy Bugs will focus on the following themes: harvest, Indians, pilgrims, forest animals and Thanksgiving.

As always, we like to brag on our Busy Bugs efforts and accomplishments. Jayden loves music time. He's also learning how to take off loose clothing (his jacket) with little help. Damajiah has started to respond to nursery rhymes with verbal request. Elijah is improving using his spoon at mealtime! CedKingdom likes to play with the pop beads, he's pretty good at putting them together and taking apart. Zantrell has mastered drinking from an open cup! Johrie likes to color! Johrod will pick up and put away toys on request. Deangelo is learning to untie/remove hat as an act of undressing.

We're so 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 a part of your child's journey through childhood.



ROOM 2 - MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY

October flew by for the nursery. Trick-or-treating went well, as well as our party. Thank you parents for making our Halloween fun a success. We had a lot of fun decorating for Halloween and making our pumpkin thumb prints. The infants are growing so fast! Brennan and LaJavion are taking independent steps. Luke is walking around very well. Saniya and Kemya love to crawl around the room. Alena really enjoys rolling on the mat. Kash is sitting up on the mat, playing with toys now.

Last month the waddlers gained 3 new friends; Davis, Emma and Reagan. Krysten loves to dance to music. Her favorite is "Funky Town". Daxton and Zahara like to walk up steps with support. Akeela likes to play in the kitchen area. We said goodbye to Rashaun. We also said goodbye to Jayden and CedKingdom who moved up to the next class. This month we will learn about harvest and Thanksgiving, and forest animals. Thank you parents for letting us be a part of your children's lives.

ROOM 4 - UNDER THE SEA

October was an exciting and spooky month for the preschool room! We started out the month learning about fire safety and how important it is for every family to have, and practice, an escape route in case of a house fire! We also learned about the fall season. Octavious and Jessica really enjoyed learning about the pretty fall colors! The children also enjoyed making lots of spooky Halloween pictures. LeBryant, Destiny and Maria really liked making the ghosts by painting the bottom of their foot! Nathan, Joshua, Leah and Trent loved the spiders we made using their handprints and Zavion and Zequan were tickled to make thumb print spiders and painted jack-o-lanterns! It's a real treat to be able to enjoy the smiles and laughter of your children every day and we appreciate the opportunity to be a part of their lives!

**TEDDY BEAR PORTRAITS
WILL RETURN ON
NOVEMBER 18, FROM
2:00 UNTIL 4:30 TO
PRESENT YOUR CHILD'S
PICTURES FOR PURCHASE**



THE NURSE'S CORNER: November is Child Safety and protection month Learning to foresee accidents is the best way to prevent them. Child-proofing your home can reduce the risk of injury to children. Check your safety knowledge with the following quiz:

1. True or false: Safety caps on drug containers are childproof. False – the caps are only child resistant, not childproof. A toddler can open a cap within 10 minutes.
2. Which of these are often responsible for childhood choking? (a) hot dogs, (b) hard candies, (c) grapes, (d) nuts. All – these 4 foods cause more than 40% of all childhood choking deaths. Toddlers tend to swallow these whole.
3. True or false: An infant car seat should be used in the front seat so you can keep an eye on the child. False – it is much safer to buckle an infant car seat into the rear.
4. True or false: If your car does not have shoulder straps in the rear seat, or if the shoulder strap crosses over the neck or of your four-year-old, it is better to let him ride with no seat belt. False – any belt is better than no belt.
5. True or false: Touching a hot stove is the leading cause of childhood burns. False – Hot liquids are the leading cause. Kids have thinner skins and are severely scalded at lower temperatures than adults.
6. Why are 5 gallon plastic buckets which originally contained paint or other supplies, a danger to infants? (a) can be strangled by the handles, (b) can eat the toxic materials in them, (c) can drown in them. C – can drown in them.

Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for November

Red Light, Yellow Light, Green Light, Go!

As you are driving the car, use the traffic light as a way to help your child choose to do the right thing with his or her emotions.

What does the **red light** mean? (STOP) The first step to controlling our emotions is to STOP and think!

What does the **yellow light** mean? (CAUTION) Pause and consider the consequences! Ask, "What might happen if I do this?"



What does the **green light** mean? (GO) Choose to do what is right.

Review the steps with your child when he or she gets angry or upset.

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
THURSDAY & FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 25 & 26,
IN OBSERVANCE OF***

Thanksgiving