

August 2017 Cricket Toddler

Newsletter

Important Dates:

August 9th-Ms. Charlene's Birthday

August 31st & September 1st -Closed for cleaning days

September 4th – Closed in observance of Labor Day

August is going to be a month filled with exciting and fun activities. We are continuing a theme that we started last year called teacher favorites. Each of us will pick our favorite activities and share them with the children during our curriculum week.

We have some new friends who are settling in nicely into our room. In September you will see some familiar faces from the baby room as Miles, Ailish and Alex join our classroom after Labor Day.

Goodbye, So long!

We had to say a very sad goodbye to Cameron last month. His last day was July 28th. We will miss you and your family so much and we wish you all the best of luck.

We will be saying goodbye to Myra this month as she is moving up to the firefly classroom after Labor Day. We know she will do amazing but we're really sad to see her go. We wish both her and her family the best of luck.



Cleaning Day Info:

Our annual cleaning days are fast approaching and we are already getting prepared for them. We will be sending home the children's belongings on their last day of school the week of August 28th. On August 31st and September 1st we will be cleaning the classroom from top to bottom, organizing all toy shelves, cabinets and closets and relabeling everything. When you come back to school after Labor Day, please make sure that you bring your child's belongings back too. Please let us know if you have any questions about cleaning day.

Thank you, Ms. Kim, Ms. Charlene and Ms. Mollie

Cricket Curriculum 2017

Week Of: 7/31~8/4

Theme: Colors and shapes

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | D.O.E. |
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| Story / Circle Time (Language Skills) | Pete the Cat "I Love my White shoes" | Learn colors using our color cards | Mixing color experiment | The color song | Learn basic shapes with our shape cards | LC28-The younger toddler responds to action words by performing actions |
| Art Activities | Paint with the color of your choice | Shape shadow painting | Ink blot art | Painting with shapes | Colored sponge painting | CD42-Recalls names of familiar people, animals and things |
| Fine/ Gross Motor Skills | Pegs and peg boards | Lacing foam shapes | Playdough | Magnet tiles | Rolling and kicking balls | CD50-The Younger toddler persists with trial and error approaches to solve a problem |
| Sensory Exploration | ←----- | ----- | Rainbow rice and measuring cups | *All sensory activities are supervised by one teacher with two children maximum at a time. | -----→ | AL12-The younger toddler shows curiosity in new and familiar objects |

Week Of: 8/7~11th

Theme: Ms. Charlene's Favorites

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | D.O.E. |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|---|
| Story/ Circle Time (Language Skills) | Five little puppies | The Poky little Puppy | Kitty, Kitty | B.I.N.G.O. | Love your Pets | LC30-The Younger toddler listens to stories |
| Art Activities | Finger painting | Bubble wrap art | Paint rocks | No mess finger painting | Paint shells | PW36-The older toddler controls small muscles in hand |
| Fine / Gross Motor Skills | Markers | Classroom climber | Textured blocks | Push toys | Puzzles | PW33-Coordinate eye and hand movement |
| Sensory Exploration | ←----- | ----- | Water play | ----- | -----→ | AL16-Young toddler explores freely |

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Week Of: 8/14~18th

Theme: Ms. Mollie's's Favorites

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | D.O.E. |
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| Story / Circle Time (Language Skills) | Down by the Ocean | Row your boat | Baby shark song | 4 little fishies felt board story | Fidgety fish book | C30-The younger toddler listens to stories |
| Art Activities | Paint with a variety of brushes | Bingo dobbers | Bubble painting | Chalk/Chalk boards | Paint with balls | CD66-Explores sensory art and creates |
| Fine/ Gross Motor Skills | Feed the shark game | Ocean Yoga | Block towers | Climber | Parachute | PW33-Coordinates eye and hand movement |
| Sensory Exploration | ←----- | ----- | Cloud dough | ----- | -----→ | AL12-The younger toddler shows curiosity in new and familiar objects |

Week Of: 8/21~8/25

Theme: Ms. Kim's Favorites

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | D.O.E. |
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| Story/ Circle Time (Language Skills) | Ten in the bed story | 5 Speckled frogs felt board story | The color song | Finger puppets | Old McDonald | LC28-The younger toddler responds to action words by performing action |
| Art Activities | Paint with ice cream cones | Drawing with cars | Secret water color art | Coloring at the easel | Make pizza | Lc48-The young toddler makes purposeful marks on the paper |
| Fine / Gross Motor Skills | Musical instruments | Foam blocks | Shape sorters | Ribbons | Classroom climber | PW27-The younger toddler moves body, arms and legs with coordination |
| Sensory Exploration | ←----- | ----- | Discovery balloons with various items inside | ----- | -----→ | CD63-The older toddler uses simple tools to continue exploration |

Week of: 8/28~9/1

Theme: Cleaning week

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | D.O.E. |
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| Story/ Circe (Language Skills) | 5 Little monkeys jumping on the bed | Wheels on the bus song | Down by the bay song | X | X | LC29-The younger toddler listens to stories |
| Art Activities | Cleaning blocks in the sensory table | Coloring at the easel | Cleaning trucks in the sensory table | C L O | C L O | PW36-The older toddler controls small muscles in hand |
| Fine / Gross Motor Skills | Magnet tiles | Puzzles | Push toys | S E D | S E D | PW33-Coordinate eye and hand movement |
| Sensory Exploration | ←----- | Washing toys in the sensory table | -----→ | X | X | AL16-The young toddler explores freely |