

August 2017

Busy Bears Preschool Newsletter

Themes:

July 31st ~ August 4th ... Camping
August 7th ~ 11th ... Sports
August 14th ~ 18th ... The Circus
August 21st ~ 24th ... Science Fun
August 28th ~ 30th ... Cleaning & Goodbyes



Reminders: The center will be closed August 31st & September 1st for Cleaning Days and September 4th in observance of Labor Day

Wish List:
Glue sticks
Washable Markers
Dry Erase Markers
Playdoh

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. The new Busy Bears are adjusting well to the classroom, and the Busy Bears that are moving up are eager to move into the Chipmunk classroom. However, before they move up, we have one more exciting month planned for August.

The first week we will be going camping! Camping in the Busy Bear classroom that is... The children will get to pretend that they are camping with a tent, a grill and other camping gear, as if they were really camping. During art we will be making many camping themed projects, painting with marshmallows, tree leaves/branches, and the children will be making their own tents. We will be making our own trail mix and singing lots of campfire songs!

The second week is going to be all about sports! The children will have the ability to get moving by doing some fun sport related activities during and after circle. For art throughout the week, the children will be able to decorate their own sports jerseys, use bingo-dobbers to create basketballs, create a medal, and spell out their names on a flag! The children will be using their gross motor skills by bowling, and doing physical actions like squats or push-ups.

The third week is going to be about the circus. At circle we will talk about and chart what is our favorite circus food. We will be pretending to walk on tightropes, leap through hula-hoops like lions, and doing some circus yoga. For art, we will be using eye droppers to create popcorn. Using the eye droppers will help enhance the flexibility of the children's fine motor skills. We will also be painting with balloons, decorating our own clown hat, and making lions with forks.

The fourth week is going to be science fun! During this week, we will be doing some fun experiments at circle. First we will be making a walking rainbow with paper towels and colored water. Then we will see what happens when we mix dish soap and milk together. The next day we will be experimenting with baking soda and vinegar. After that we will be making our own slime! At the end, we will be making alka seltzer lava lamps.

The last week of August is important for the children and the center. This is the week we prepare for lots of transitions. Our older Busy Bears will be moving up to the Chipmunks when we return from Labor Day weekend and we will have new faces in our classroom as well. This week is also the center's cleaning week. We will have the children help clean the blocks, babies, legos, and chairs. For art, we will be making a sign to welcome all the new friends into our classroom! On Wednesday, August 30th, we will be having a Happy Last Day Party for all of our friends leaving Busy Bears. We encourage those moving up to bring in a snack to share with the rest of the children. ***Please be aware of the tree-nuts &peanuts free policy our Center has.***

As a reminder, please make sure to take everything out of your child's cubby on the last day they attend school before our cleaning days. All of the cubbies will be cleaned and relabeled.

We hope you enjoy this month as much as we will!

Ms. Kate, Ms. Eileen and Ms. Kristen