



# Busy Bears Preschool Newsletter



July 2017



Summer has finally arrived! Hooray for summer! We'd like to welcome all of our new Busy Bear Families to our classroom and shout out a huge hello to all our remaining families. Summer is the perfect time to make new friends and continue to nurture old friendships. Speaking of new and old friends, we are very sad to say good bye to Ms. Lizz, her last day is Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be very sad to see her go, she will be greatly missed. We are however, very happy to welcome Ms. Eileen to our classroom. She officially began Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> and the children gravitated to her.

The first week of July we will be focusing on the Fourth of July. We will be following the Department of Education Guideline *observe some US national holidays and discuss how and why we celebrate them*". The Fourth of July is the perfect holiday to share and discuss with the children. Throughout the week, we will be talking about the basic history of the Fourth of July and we will be reading several age appropriate books about America and America's birthday. The children will be painting with the colors of the flag and making patriotic art work. Please do not forget, we are closed Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

During the second and third weeks of July, we will be discussing the ocean and the beach, two very summery topics. Since we can't actually go to the beach as a group, we will bring the beach and the ocean to the preschool classroom. We are hoping to encourage the children to explore all the amazing creatures who live in the ocean. We will also be meeting the Department of Education Guideline *"experiment with the use of texture in artwork and classroom activities"*. The children will have the opportunity to create ocean slime, sand playdough and sponge paint shells and coral. If you have any books about the beach or ocean that you would like to share, please feel free to bring them these weeks.

The Last week of July we will be focusing on Water Play and Water Fun! There are so many fun activities we hope to share with the children this week. We will be using spray bottles, painting with ice and playing in the kiddie pool. Most likely your child will be getting wet, wet, wet this week, so please plan accordingly with extra outfits. During this week, we will also be discussing water safety and rules to keep your child safe near water.

# Notes and Reminders

## Wish List

- Clorox Wipes
  - Playdough
  - Glue Sticks
- Washable markers
- Seasonal stickers

## Notes

- We are an allergy sensitive classroom. Please be aware of what you are bringing into the classroom for your child to eat.

Please remember that all food items that are going to be shared with other children must be checked in the office before you drop off your child in the morning.

## Leader of the Day

Please remember, when your child's name is listed on the calendar you are responsible for bringing in a healthy snack for 19 children.

All grapes, and melons must be cut up for us to accept them.

## Show and Tell

- If your child attends school on Fridays, please send them with the show and tell object listed on the calendar. The children get very upset when they do not have anything to share. Show and Tell time is a great opportunity for children to practice speaking in front of a large group. It also teaches turn taking and listening skills.

## Clothing

*Please be sure that all your child's clothing, hats and bedding are labeled. We cannot be responsible for lost items.*

Please put shorts on under your daughter's skirt, it makes it much easier for them to climb and use all the pieces of the climbing structure. It also keeps wood chips out of uncomfortable places.

Please send your child in close toed shoes and sandals, open toed shoes and flips flops are not safe or functional for your active child on the playground.

Thank you for your help in these matters. ☐

## Important Dates

July 6<sup>th</sup> ~ tide pool visits from NE Aquarium

July 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Curious Creatures Visit

