

July 2017

Pre Kindergarten Chipmunk Newsletter

July Curriculum Weeks

July 3rd-7th: America

July 10th-14th: Music

July 17th-21st: Zoo

July 24th-28th: Outer Space

...Important Dates...

July 4th- GQCCC Closed for Independence Day

July 13th: Sprinkler Day (raindate-14th)

July 25th: Sprinkler Day (raindate-26th)

July 3rd-7th America

During this week we will talk about America and why we love our country. We will learn about our founding fathers and what Independence Day means to us. We will also talk about how we celebrate the 4th of July with our families and friends. For art we will be making handprint American flags and eagles, patriotic windsocks, and fire cracker collages! Don't forget, we are closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day!

July 10th-14th Music 

There will be all kinds of music escaping the Chipmunk Classroom this week. The children will be very busy **communicating personal experiences with one another** when talking about the different types of music and which are our favorites. We'll listen to different types like country, classical, rock, etc. The chipmunks will be making Banjo's from paper plates, and creating their own instruments from raisin boxes. This week the children will also be making paper pianos and decorating music notes. The children love music week and so do the teachers. We'll discuss the differences between volume and tempo, and percussion and rhythm instruments vs. strings. We can't wait to dance, sing and play with a variety of musical instruments!

July 17th-21st Zoo

This week will be filled with animal knowledge. We will talk about all of the animals we see at the zoo and their characteristics. We will learn about what they eat and what goes in to taking care of them, including their natural and artificial habitats. For art we will make paper plate elephants, tissue paper gorillas, and animal cages, among other projects!

July 24th-28th Outer Space

This week, we will be blasting off into outer space. The children will learn what gravity is as we **discuss what air does** and why our air is different from other planets. We will be making Aliens by doing blotto painting and adding googly eyes to the blobs. The Chipmunks will be painting coffee filters to create and name their own planets and will be making rocket ships out of their names. The Chipmunks will work hard to create their own three-dimensional planets out of styrofoam craft balls. We'll discuss each planet, what it looks like, and it's characteristics in depth at circles throughout the week.



Happy Birthday!



Katherine- July 13

Tyler- July 21

Aria- July 25

Wish List

Crayola markers

Sidewalk chalk

Clorox wipes

Shaving cream

Shoebboxes

Tin-foil

Space/star stickers

Nut-free animal crackers

★ Sprinkler days!

July sprinkler days will be on Thursday, July 13th and Tuesday, July 25th (Rain dates set for Fri. July 14th and Wed. July 26th.) On sprinkler days, please be sure to send your child in to school wearing their bathing-suit and water-shoes. We can not allow the children to use the sprinkler if they are wearing flip-flops or crocs with no back; your child needs to be able to run in his or her wet shoes without slipping, since the children will be using the sprinkler on the pavement. Please send in a bag with a complete change of clothes, (including dry shoes, underwear and socks,) and a towel. Extra bathing suits are appreciated, in case any other families forget!

Thank you!

Ms. Amy, Ms. Katie, and Ms. Susana