

Tiger's Summer Enrichment Program



July 2017 Newsletter



Welcome to the Tiger's Summer Enrichment Program

There have been some big changes in the classroom over the past few weeks. The Tiger's Kindergarten Class of 2017 has officially graduated and Ms. Mary has officially retired. I began my new position as the kindergarten teacher during the last week in June and the graduates welcomed several new friends into the classroom for our Summer Enrichment Program. This was a big transition for everyone! The children have done an amazing job and are adjusting well to all of these changes.



Audrey B. July 1st

Noah R. July 31st

Rest Time

You may have noticed that your new Tiger is a little tired at the end of the day. This may be because we do not require the children to sleep during rest time. The reason behind this is to assist the children in transitioning from kindergarten to first grade. Rest time is not offered in first grade and the children need time to adjust to this change. Rest time continues to be a quiet time also. This allows the child who is just beginning to make this transition the opportunity to rest if he or she wants to. The Tigers are allowed to play quietly on their cots with stuffed animals, books, and other quiet toys from home. We have quiet rest time activities for the children as well.

Leader of the Day/Fruit Sign Up

This month we will begin our fruit sign up program. The way this program will work is when your child is the Leader of the Day, you will be responsible for providing a healthy snack for all 16 children. This will occur at least once a month. By allowing the children to provide a healthy snack for their peers, we are helping to make strong connections between home and school. The children also take a great sense of pride in providing a special snack for their peers. The Leader of the Day chart is located on the end of the first set of cubbies in our circle time area. Each day, we have a Leader of the Day and an Ender of the Day. Both of these children are given opportunities throughout the day to assist in the classroom. When your child is the Ender of the Day, this indicates that he/she will be the Leader the following day. There is also a Fruit Sign Up Calendar on the classroom door with the children's names listed on it. When your child's name is listed, this indicates which day your child will be Leader and will be responsible for providing a healthy snack. If you need any suggestions, please do not hesitate to ask.

***** I, Jen Hodgell, am highly allergic to strawberries. I cannot touch them and therefore, I cannot serve them to the children. If you choose to send strawberries in as a healthy snack, please know that they will not be served until afternoon snack. *****

Reminders



- ✓ Please empty your child's mailbox in your child's cubby on a daily basis. This is where you will find your child's work, creations, and important notices from the teachers as well as the office.
- ✓ Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in his/her bin located at the bottom of his/her cubby. Each Tiger needs shorts/pants, shirts, underwear, and socks.
- ✓ We will be using the sprinkler at some point this month. Notices will be sent home with the exact date. Your child will need a bathing suit, swim shoes, and a towel on that day.

New England Aquarium: Tide Pools Alive!

In lieu of our field trip to the New England Aquarium, the New England Aquarium is coming to us!! On Thursday, July 6th, the children will enjoy Tide Pools Alive. The website describes the program as follows: "Using guided imagery, a child-size costume and live animals, students will explore and interact with local tide pool animals while learning basic biology and anatomy."

We are very excited to be able to offer this program to the children and provide them with such a rich hands on experience.

Curious Creatures

In lieu of our field trip to the Boston Children's Museum, Curious Creatures will be visiting our center on Thursday, July 27th. This is a live animal interactive program. They will travel to our school with a selection of mammals, bugs, and reptiles. This program has visited our center before and it is always a very fun, informative, and engaging experience.



Session One: Waves and Wonders

During the first week of this session, we discussed Independence Day and various patriotic symbols such as the American Flag, the Statue of Liberty, the American Eagle, the White House, and the Presidents on our coins. The Tigers also experimented with various art materials to create some wonderful pieces of patriotic art work. We also discussed various sea creatures that the children are most familiar with such as the octopus, star fish, crab, and sea horse. During these two weeks, the children will be exploring the different characteristics of the ocean and the various life forms that can be found in the ocean. We have several exciting activities planned for the children. The children will be creating a life size diorama of the ocean. This diorama will be added to throughout Session One and should make for quite the display! The children will be given the opportunity to explore how sand is made and experiment with salt water and the concept of sink and float. Finally, we will be learning about pirates! We will learn some pirate vocabulary, play games such as "Walk the Plank!", and search for buried treasure!



Session Two: Me and My Amazing World

During these three weeks, we will take a glimpse into various cultures around the world. For each country we explore, the children will be introduced to the location on the globe, the country's flag, counting 1 through 10 in the native language, and listen to various stories based in these countries. The children will be given the opportunity to explore countries such as Italy, Japan, Egypt, France, Africa, and Australia. We have some fun and exciting activities planned such as "Paint the Ceiling" like Michelangelo, experimenting with the art of origami, exploring Egyptian Hieroglyphics, baking a French yogurt cake, Balancing fruit basket relay races, and creating your own digeridoo! We also have some special visitors coming to the classroom! Miss Lynsey will join us to teach the children some sign language. Miss Gayle will be working with the children to teach them some French vocabulary. Miss Kim will also be joining us for a baking activity. If you or a member of your family would like to come in and share a family tradition or something from your culture, please let us know. We would love to see our families get involved and help the children share their culture with their peers!