

First Congregational Learning Center

JULY

Director's Notes:

Summer reminders:

- ☀️ Please make sure to apply sunscreen on your child in the morning. Teachers will reapply for the afternoon.
- ☀️ Make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing here in case of clothes being soiled or due to water play. (This could occur randomly since it is warm out and we like to have fun on these great summer days)
- ☀️ The center will be closed Thursday, July 4th and Friday, August 2nd.
- ☀️ If you know of any family vacations please let us know so we can help staff plan time off too.

Ms. Kimberly

Infant News (Room 204)

We are a couple weeks into our summer program of traveling around the world. This month we are finding ways to introduce the cultures of Australia, Greece, Italy, and India. Through traditional music the children will hear different languages and rhythms. We are also planning activities to give the children a look into how people live in other places than here. An activity that you can do at home is to look into your family heritage and introduce songs or food from the culture of your family. We will also be celebrating the 4th of July with creative projects involving glitter and sand. We will continue our outdoor sensory experiences with water by adding spoons, cups, boats and fish. We are having an awesome summer so far and hope it



Toddler News (Room 202):

As we head into summer, we will be celebrating America's birthday. We will create art projects that highlight the 4th of July. The children will sing "Happy Birthday America" as we discuss how old America will be this year. We will make a fruit salad which will develop the children's ability to follow one step directions. We will participate in conversations with the children about the colors, the shapes, the smell, and the taste of the various fruit we bring in for the salad. We are working on playing well together with our friends by sharing our toys and books. We will also be helping the children to understand the concept of having more than one friend. At home, we encourage you as parents to continue the give and take conversations of sharing, playing well with their friends, and the idea that the children can have more than one friend. As the children grow and develop, we will facilitate the use of more words and sign language to help foster the language in the children.

Young Preschool News (Room 203):

This month we will continue our discussions about kindness and respect for others. We will also continue talking about travel! We will begin our great adventure in Ireland, looking at pictures and listening to songs from the area. We will also be reading traditional Irish stories and folktales and will continue to do this with all of the different countries we visit. Our journey around the world will broaden as the summer goes on. As we're going outside more, please make sure your child has extra weather appropriate clothes just in case we jump in a puddle or have an impromptu water day! We are so excited to add stamps to our passports and begin to explore new places this summer!



Preschool News (Room 205):

During the month of July, we will continue our journey around the world. We begin our month traveling through the outback! While on walkabout through Australia, we will be saying 'G'Day Mate' to the Great Barrier Reef, as well as learning about the life and culture of the Aborigine people. Next, we'll hop on over to Greece, where we'll learn simple phrases and numbers in Greek, as well as exploring unique structures and Greek mythology. Oupa! Italy will be our next stop, and there we will create some unique DiVinci inspired contraptions. The week of July 22nd will be our trip to India. In honor of the colorful Indian festival, Holi, we will be having our own Festival of Colors celebration. Please, have your child bring in a plain white t-shirt, and we will be doing some fun tie-dyeing! Then, on Friday July 26th, we'll all be wearing our newly colored t-shirts for our Holi day party! Reminder's will be sent out closer to that week. Our Ty Warner Splash Park field trip will also take place in July, and permission slips will be sent out soon. Happy 4th of July everyone!