



Preschool & PreK/K News



Welcome to July in the Preschool and PreK/K classrooms. During this month we will be working on weekly themes. Our themes for the month are: "Happy Birthday America", "Country Fair", "Puppet Week", "Mexico Week" and Rain Forest/Safari Week. Many of our activities will be brought outdoors: easel painting, manipulatives such as table blocks and magnetic blocks, weaving with yarn and ribbon on the fence, water play and chalk drawing.

During the week of "Happy Birthday America" (June 28th), the children will discuss holiday safety as well as the reason we celebrate Independence Day. The boys and girls will create firework pictures as well as red, white and blue arts and crafts projects. Desserts in red, white and blue will be made for snacks. The children have been singing "Happy Birthday America" through the hallways.

For our Country Fair theme (July 5th) we will be making ice cream, weaving mats, making beaded bracelets and other crafts. We will discuss what goes on at a country fair – the different foods, rides, crafts and graph our favorite food to eat at a fair as part of our math curriculum.

The children will enhance their fine motor skills by tracing, cutting, gluing and sewing to create different types of puppets during Puppet week (July 12th). We will also enjoy a puppet show on July 14th as part of our puppet theme.

Mexico Week (July 19th) will be an opportunity for the children to compare the Mexican culture to ours. We will study their foods, music, and dress and how they live. We will look at the globe to find Mexico and also do some Mexican cooking.

During the week of July 26th to 30th the children will study the animals and plants of the Rainforest as well as its climate. The children will also locate Rainforests on the globe. The Rainforest weather will be compared to our weather as well. On July 29th the Rainforest Reptile Show will visit Adventures with lizards, snakes and turtles.

The children will be using the sprinkler as part of our outdoor activities(weather permitting) so please send in a bathing suit, towel and water shoes (or old sneakers that can get wet) as well as sun block if it has not been sent in. Please do not send them in a plastic bag as this can be hazardous to young children. A canvas bag with a short handle is preferred. Please check for wet bathing suits and towels daily. We will continue to walk to PQ Park on Monday mornings for gym with Mr. Samaria (weather permitting) as well as walking to the Park on Wednesdays for park days. We will also continue to review all concepts we have learned through-out the year.

REMINDER: The center will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. Please check your child's clothing bins for appropriate clothing. Also, please remember to sign your child IN and OUT every day.

Have a safe and healthy July.