



Durant Road Preschool Newsletter

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Vivian explores how water comes out of a pipe

Preschool Investigative Study: Pipes

In the middle of May, we begin our new study on water pipes. Have you noticed children’s curiosity about where water goes into and comes out of in the various kinds of pipes? Water fountains, outdoor spigots, kitchen faucets, drainage pipes, garden hoses, culverts, tub drains, rain gutters, downspouts and all sorts of nozzles draw children’s attention. They peer inside, touch the water, turn the water on and off, poke fingers into holes, try to block the water’s flow, and ask questions. Water pipes are everywhere, so they are a common part of children’s lives. This combination of novelty and familiarity makes pipes an engaging study and gives us many opportunities for exploration.

We have chosen the following books for our investigative study: Building a House, How a House Is Built, Five Minutes Peace,

The Tub People, Curious George, Plumber’s Helper, What Do People Do All Day, Elizibiti, A Cool Drink of Water, When I Was Young in the Mountains, and Big Frank’s Fire Truck.



Mark Your Calendars

- 3 Dance Party Hallway-with Preschoolers
- 5 Cinco de Mayo Parade (All Classes)
- 8 Museum Visit
- 9 Butterfly Hunt with Toddlers
- 12 Muffins for Moms (Lobby)
- 19 Spanish Class w/ Ms. Mariela
- 20 Tippi Toes Dance Recital
- 23 Outdoor Tent Reading with Toddlers
- 26 Fun Day in May (*see lobby*)
- 29 Memorial Day – Center Closed
- 30 Smokey the Bear Visit
- 31 Duck, Duck, Goose with Preschoolers

Fitness Fridays

- 5 Throw Hard, Throw Far
- 12 Dribble Kick
- 19 Kick High
- 26 Up and Away

Our Specials

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>
Tumblin’ Tots Math Lesson	Computer Class Literacy Lesson	Music Class Tippi Toes	Spanish Class	Math Lesson



Knox looking at a floor picture

Infant and Toddler Program

Young children live with pets in their homes and neighborhoods. This month, our infants and toddlers will explore some common pets like cats, dogs, fish, and rabbits. We'll learn their names, the sounds they make, what they look like, and how they move.

Our children play with curiosity. Our teacher's use *planned experiences* to guide play. What is a *planned experience*? It's an activity a teacher sets up to support children's learning through repeated exploration of the environment, materials, or equipment. Watch out for floor pictures, scarf boxes, wind chimes and windsocks, bubbles, clear tubes, experience bottles, and finger painting. We'll enjoy water play, bug study, cardboard tube constructions and colored glue. We're going to be busy!



NC Museum of Natural Science

This month we are excited to present, *Fantastic Frogs*. What's the difference between frogs and toads? Our children will

learn some of these differences and hear sounds frogs and toads make. We will also meet some tree frogs and a toad.



Happy Birthday

Roman	Scarlet	Katie	Jaxden
Ryan	Harrison	Camden	Dylan
Elliott	Nehemiah	Avery	Tyler

Our Music Program

Music and movement go together naturally for young children. This month our children will participate in a marching band parade. They will learn to identify rhythm instruments and to move to the rhythm of music. We will also learn a *May Day* finger play using sign language as well as new spring songs.



SPANISH

This month, we talk about animals in Espanol:

"On the farm" - En la granja

Pig - Cerdo Cow-Vaca

Chicken-Pollitos Horse-Caballo

We will also practice numbers, colors and the alphabet!



Focus On Literacy

Book of the Month

Tap the Magic Tree, by Christie Matheson is an acclaimed interactive picture book about the changing seasons. "Every book needs you to turn the pages. But not every book needs you to tap it, shake it, jiggle it, or even blow it a kiss." Check it out!

