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Tyler and Maryam making a worm farm

Celebrating America

Preschool Investigative Study: Worms

We will begin July by celebrating America. The children will be marching in a hallway parade and will be participating in a center wide patriotic sing-a-long. Don't forget to wear your red, white and blue for the parade!

Worms are fascinating. Did you know that there are thousands of kinds of worms? We think worms will make an intriguing and exciting study! During this study, our children will discover that worms can be different sizes and lengths. Some worms live underground, in compost bins, under mulch while others live in oceans and ponds.

We'll investigate how worms move by stretching thin and then pulling its body together and how they make tunnels in the soil and how earthworms help keep the soil healthy for plants.

Do worms have eyes? How do they breathe? How can you tell the head of the worm from its tail? We'll investigate and find out.

As the children study worms, they will learn and apply a number of important investigational skills. They will make observational drawings, ask questions, count, tally, measure, graph, and sort. They will use art and writing materials and create charts and diagrams.

We have chosen the following books for our investigation: Inch by Inch, Wiggling Worms at Work, Garden Wigglers, Yucky Worms, Inchworm and A Half, Grandpas Are for Finding Worms, Worms for Lunch, An Earthworm's Life, Superworm, and Diary of a Worm.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 3 Patriotic Parade-wear red, white, & blue
- 4 Closed-Happy 4th of July
- 6 Bike Wash-Preschoolers
- 10 Museum Visit – Animal Tales
- 12 Playground Punch
- 14 Sun~N~Fun Day-Toddlers
- 18 Fitness Fun with Joey-Preschoolers
- 21 Spanish Class with Ms. Mariela
- 26 Sun~N~Fun Day –Preschoolers
- 27 Toddler Tent Reading on Playground

Fitness Fridays

- 7 Punting
- 14 Dribble Kick
- 21 Body Part Balance
- 28 Up & Away

Our Specials

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Tumblin' Tots Math Lesson	Computer Class Literacy Lesson	Music Class Tippi Toes Class	Spanish Class	Math Lesson



Ben exploring different toys in the sensory table

INFANTS & TODDLERS

Young children use their five senses of touch, taste, smell, vision, and hearing as their information-gathering tools. Put simply, children must explore to know. A direct connection exists between sensory experiences and the development of creativity. Things that may seem ordinary or boring to us can be quite fascinating to a young child.

Water is endlessly interesting and usually soothing to infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds, especially when they are deciding what happens with it. This month we will highlight water play. Look for pump bottles, small sprinkling cans, whisks, sieves, water wheels, turkey basters, and clear plastic tubes. Our children will wash plastic babies, doll clothes, and make bubbles. They'll enjoy soapy water fun, watch ice melt, and paint with water.



This month the *N. C. Museum of Natural Science* presents *Animal Tales*. What better way to bring a character to

life than combining children's literature with the natural sciences. This month features a story about a hermit crab and one about a hedgehog. We will discuss what is fact and fiction about the main characters and meet the accompanying animals.



Book of the Month

During July, our preschoolers will be reading, *Sylvia's Spinach* by Katherine Pryor. "Sylvia Spivens always says no to spinach. But one day Sylvia's teacher gives her a packet of spinach seeds to plant for the school garden. Overcoming her initial reluctance and giving the seeds a little love and patience, Sylvia discovers the joy of growing food and the pleasures of tasting something new."

Our Music Program

This month our children will learn to listen to the rhythm of music. At the pre-k levels children are very interested in rhythms and rhythm instruments and are able to "play along" with songs even though they might not be able to keep a steady beat. We'll also learn new sign language water songs.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cooper	Elizabeth	Mason	Lilly
Bryce	Amelia	Jacob	AJ
Shane	Cassidy	Hunter	Owen
Mattie	Kalista	Jaiden	Logan

SPANISH

Es caliente fuera! It's hot outside! El verano llega. The summer is here. In July, we will learn about "4 de Julio" and new summer words with songs, games and stories.

