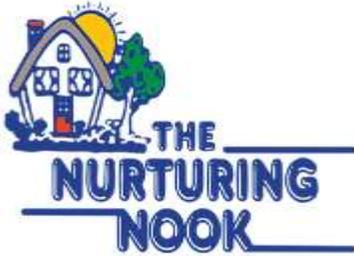


The Nurturing Nook - River Point

June 2022 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- 6/6 ASQ's and Conference Forms due
- 6/13-6/24 Conferences
- Flag Day 6/14
- 6/19 Father's Day
- 6/19 Juneteenth
- 6/21 First Day of Summer

Directors' News

Greetings Nurturing Nook Families,

May was a delightful month here at RiverPoint. First, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week and gave thanks to the incredible staff we have here at The Nook. Your gifts and well-wishes were much appreciated by our teachers, and your support means the world to them! We also enjoyed all of the Mother's Day activities around the center, from bright concerts to Muffins with Mom and other wonderful moments.

Looking forward to June paints an equally exciting picture. June is a month of exciting transitions and welcoming back old friends. Parent-Teacher conferences are taking place in the beginning of the month, so please keep on the lookout for those purple ASQ's. We're eager to share our observations on your child's development!

We will also be celebrating Father's Day at the center, and I'm sure many of our classrooms have special gifts and activities in store for our awesome dads! June also marks the official first day of summer, just two days after Juneteenth. Parents, please be sure to sign our sunscreen forms so your children can stay well-protected as we enjoy learning and playing outdoors. In addition, students should have weather-appropriate clothing as the season develops, and an extra swimsuit to keep at the center so that the children may engage in exciting outdoor water play.

Have a Jubilant June!

Ms. Valerie & Mr. Mike

JUNE

Little Lambs

Wow! Where did the month of May go? We were super busy with our art work and crawling about.

Our theme for June is Picnic. Miss Molly has several exciting art projects prepared.

With the weather slowly changing to warmer temperatures, we will want to be prepared to go outside on buggy rides. We recommend a light jacket for each child that can stay at daycare.

Just a reminder, we put sunscreen on the children 6 months or older. We have a form to sign so we have permission to do so.

This month, we say farewell to a few friends who will be moving away or going to Darling Ducklings. We also welcome our new friends to our room. We love getting to know each child and his/her personality. If you have any questions, please let us know!

Thanks for your support,

Miss Molly & Miss Cathy



Darling Ducklings

Hello Darling Ducklings families

We're thankful for another great month in our classroom. With the warmer weather we've been spending more and more time outside and our ducks love it! Please be sure to let the teachers know whether you prefer to use the center-provided sunscreen or bring in your own sunscreen to use before we head outside this summer.

This month our classroom is going through some exciting changes. As usual, some of our older ducks will be moving to the Toddling Teddies classroom and we'll be welcoming some new ducks from the Little Lambs classroom.

Ms. Michelle is moving to the Busy Bears classroom full time, and Ms. Brittany is moving into the Darling Ducklings as the new teacher. Our ducks know and love Ms. Brittany, and we know she'll be wonderful in our classroom! Ms. Michelle has loved working with the ducks and is very excited to see them all again as they get older and join her and Ms. Destiny in the Busy Bears.

We're so excited for all of the changes happening in our classroom and we hope you are too! It's gonna be another great month!

Ms. Michelle, Ms. Cythina & Ms. Brittany



Toddling Teddies

Plans are underway for some fun activities during the hot days of summer! We will be doing some water play activities on the hot days to keep us cool! The children have been enjoying the buggy rides we have been taking, as well as the time outside exploring the playground. Please make sure your child has a light jacket, a hat, and shoes for our outside time. Let's not forget about the rainy days when we get to explore the large muscle area and practice walking with the push toys.

We will continue to work on our communication, fine motor, gross motor, self-help using our spoon, social skills by using sign language, and problem solving through various activities and projects throughout the month. Teddies would like to congratulate Noah, Ben, and Silvia on moving to the Busy Bears classroom. With open hands we would like to welcome Aiman and Charlie to the Toddling Teddies. We look forward to getting to know you and know that you are going to have a great experience at the Nook. Sharing your thoughts and concerns about your child is very important to us and helps with our teaching strategies.

A special thank you to all the parents for the awesome lunch and all the heartfelt notes we received during Teacher Appreciation Week! We would also like to say Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful dads on their special day!!! Please continue to stay safe and healthy especially to the families who are traveling this summer!

Have A Fun Summer!!!

Ms. Dala and Ms. Daneca



*We would like to wish the following children/staff
a Happy June Birthday!*

*Ms. Valerie Owen Maria Teddy G.
Christian H. Braxton Anna*

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**There are many things to
see and do around
Milwaukee.
Check out our
Community Events
board!**

Busy Bears

Busy Bears June Newsletter

Greetings Busy Bear families!

Our small classroom community has grown substantially since last month! We welcome many new families and faces to the classroom and can't wait to work with you during your child's journey.

We're delighted to introduce the new teachers in Busy Bears: Ms. Destiny and Ms. Michelle! They are excited to get to know you, and brings a lot of incredible positive energy to the room. We're sure your children are going to love her!

Our administrative team is hard at work building a strong foundational teaching team for the Busy Bears classroom, and we're excited to share new details about this process soon.

Families, please ensure you have filled out a sunscreen form located on the Over-the-Counter Medication (this is also where you give permission for us to use your preferred diaper cream). The Busy Bears will be doing plenty of outdoor exploration this month, and we can't wait to show you what we learn!

Thanks,

The Busy Bear Team



Perky Ponies

Hello families,

It's the month of June and we all know what that means: summer is right around the corner! Parents, have you filled out a sunscreen form for your child? You may also bring in a sunscreen that you prefer your child to have.

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway into the year. Back in the month of May, we enjoyed making a special gift for our moms for Mother's Day along with having a special treat and a splash of fruit for our moms during Muffins for Moms. We also enjoyed planting some flower seeds along with vegetable seeds. We planted some green beans and carrot seeds, so soon we will have a little flower and vegetable garden in our classroom window. We have to give a special thank you to all the parents during Teacher Appreciation Week for all the special flowers, gift cards, and all of the special notes.

In the month of June, we will be learning about some crawly bugs and butterflies, and also making something special for that special man in our life that we call Dad. Summer fun and learning the colors red, white and blue will also be focuses in June. We have been back to brushing our teeth with our friends, too, and that's a lot of fun.

Parents, feel free to contact us if you have any question or concerns. We hope you have an Amazing Month in June!

Ms. Sybal and Ms. Bobbie

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Just a reminder that we no longer have a FAX line, so if you need to send us anything, please scan and email it to:
www.nurturingnookrp@gmail.com

Thank you!



Happy Hippos

June is here and the sun will be shining every day!

For the Month of June, we are so excited that summer is finally here. We will be taking advantage of this weather and learning outdoors as much as possible this summer with your child's favorite teams: Bubbles, Paint, and Shaving Cream! They can provide multi-sensory experiences that are fun and engaging for our students.

This month we will continue singing, dancing, and utilizing nursery rhyme and storytelling. We will also focus on math and science. Oh yes, Father's Day will be celebrated too, and we will acknowledge someone who we look up to, like grandfathers, uncles, godfathers, etc.

With so much time outside, we will explore baseball, camping, eating marshmallows and chocolate, hiking, and, weather permitting, getting wet outside. We will also be doing cooking and making sweet treats like fruit popsicles.

The Hippos will really enjoy the month of June. Parents, it is so fun working with your child and watching how much they're learning and growing and loving it.

As a reminder, please continue to bring extra clothing and jackets in preparation for ever-changing weather. In addition, I'm asking if you have winter teams to please take them home.

Ms. Bee and Ms. Princess



Soaring Hawks

Happy June Everyone!!

The weather has been fantastic!! We have been able to enjoy the outdoors by incorporating many activities. We created a greenhouse indoors and watched our beans begin to sprout. Once they did, we planted our sprouts into a planter. Once they started to grow with a stem and leaves, we planted them into the ground on our playground. Hopefully, soon our AMAZING beans will start to grow. We also did an experiment using a sponge and grass seed. We simply placed moist sponges onto a plate and then put the grass seed on top of them. Each day, we made sure to keep the sponges moist. A few days later, the grass seed began to grow. While doing these simple activities, the children learned a lot about being patient and the process of how things grow. They learned that the two most important things plants need is water and some source of light. Also checking them frequently to make sure they are doing ok.

Our themes for May were... Mother's Day, Construction, Dinosaurs and The Zoo.

For Mother's Day, we made these AMAZING gifts. Our chocolate covered spoons turned out great! The children enjoyed dipping the spoon into the chocolate, watching them harden, so that we could wrap them. Our cards too, turned out AMAZING!! The children love to sing the song "You Are My Sunshine", so we thought it was appropriate to make those special cards for their moms.

Hopefully, you'll have these cards forever and enjoy stirring your chocolate covered spoons with your child in your favorite drink.

Next, we talked about construction. Our goal was to encourage and focus on ways to make a difference to the way children think and complete tasks. Some of our vocabulary words consisted of measure, fix, stack, cut, build and construct just to name a few.

Some of our activities included...

- Building with playdough and hammers.
- Construction cone carrots (Cooking experience).
- Count and Dump (A counting game using a dump truck and small blocks) 1-20.
- Sensory table fun with vehicles in dirt / Track painting.
- Sandpaper rubbings/ Building bridges outside with the BIG blocks.
- Tools and Toolbox fun along with small blocks / Journal entry tracing the letter C.

What a great unit! The children really enjoyed learning about how things are constructed.

Next, our theme was about dinosaurs. And I must say... The children knew a lot about them. They pronounced and recognized them by name! And of course, they loved to roar!! We touched base on them being extinct, foods they ate and them being reptiles. We also learned the word dinosaur from the Greek words *deinos* (terrible) and *saurus* (lizard).

Some of our activities included...

- Made fossil prints in playdough / Sensory fun with dinosaurs in dirt.
- Dinosaur-shaped pasta art / Bone (Q-tip) art.
- Fun with dinosaur patterns / plastic eggs and dinosaur figures.
- Story: How Do Dinosaurs Count To Ten (Math activity).
- Read: Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs / Ate Dinosaur pasta in lava sauce (Melted cheese).
- Played the game: Don't touch the lava.

Our last theme of the month was... The Zoo. The children learned about what animals live at the zoo. How they eat, the sounds they make and who cares for them.

Some of our activities included...

- Assorted art projects for most of the animals that live at the zoo.
- Making elephant toothpaste (Science experiment) / Singing zoo songs.
- Making animal cracker sandwiches (Cooking experience).
- Fine motor activity... Pasta snakes / Making animal sounds.

Throughout the month, the children have worked really hard on initiating play with others and our feelings. I'm happy to report that everyone is doing quite well with these social skills.

These tasks to us which seem so simple and great milestones for your child.

This month our themes will be... Camping, Bugs, Father's Day and Hello summer!

Have a wonderful month!!

Mrs. Kimberly & Ms. Breanna

Leaping Lizards



Wow, June has finally arrived bringing the beautiful weather and sunshine.

We will be teaching all our children how to stay safe in the sun and remain hydrated. This means it's time for sunscreen. The Nurturing Nook will provide the sunscreen (Banana Boat SPF50) that is water resistant and sting free. In order to optimize the effectiveness of the sunscreen products,

we ask that you apply the initial application before bringing your child to school. Please be sure to fill out the consent form. If you prefer that your child wear a different sunscreen, please provide a bottle labeled with your child's name and fill out a consent form as well. To help ensure proper hydration on hot summer days, we are asking that you bring in a water bottle to school labeled with your child's name. We ask that you fill them prior to or at drop off time. The water bottles should be taken home to be washed daily. We also encourage closed-toed shoes for the children to wear. Tennis shoes work best for ease of movement and foot protection.

June will be filled with many themes and activities. We are going to start with the **Transportation Theme**. Leaping Lizards are going to learn about common transportation methods, the way they move, and the sounds they make.

The second week of June, Leaping Lizards will be enjoying a **Baseball Theme**. We are looking for a T-Ball stand to borrow. It would be great to bring one if you have it. There is a center-wide tailgate day on **Tuesday, June 7th**. Wear your Brewer's apparel.

The third week will be **Father's Day Theme**. We would like to wish all dads a Happy Father's Day. We will be hosting a Father's Day concert on **Friday, June 17th. at 4:00 PM**. We hope that you will enjoy all the gifts and cards your little ones will be making especially for you. The fourth week, Leaping Lizards are going to have a **Fire Safety Theme**. Please watch for a fire safety assignment in your child's mailbox. The assignment is due on **Tuesday, June 14th**. We will be discussing safety tips and we would like your feedback on what you do to keep your family safe. We will also be going to have a visit from the North Shore Fire Department on **Tuesday, June 21** by Chief Dan Tyk.

Last week of June will be **Stars & Stripes Theme** (4th of July Theme). We will learn about our flag and have a parade on **Thursday, June 30th**. We encourage children to wear red, white, and blue. Finally, we would like to thank all the amazing parents for their much-appreciated support.

Have A Great Summer!
Miss Melody & Ms. Vicki

