

The Nurturing Nook - RiverPoint

August 2022 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- Tuesday August 9th – National Book Lovers Day – Bring a Favorite Book to School!
- Monday August 15 – Pajama Day
- Tuesday August 16th – National “Tell a Joke” Day
- Monday August 22 – National Tooth Fairy Day
- Tuesday August 30th – National Beach Day

Directors’ News

Greetings Nurturing Nook Families,

We had such a fun July here at The Nurturing Nook – RiverPoint. Our center saw Independence Day celebrations in many of our classrooms, enjoyed water play outside, tasted delicious frozen treats, and celebrated Hawaiian Week, too! Thank you to families for dressing their kids up for the special occasions. It’s great to see the center coming together and showing great spirit!

August will certainly see more summer fun, but it also represents the ends of many journeys and the beginnings of new experiences. Many of our oldest students, The Leaping Lizards, will be transitioning to kindergarten and will be leaving The Nook. We’re so proud of how far they’ve come, and we will miss seeing you here at the center!

Our younger students will also be “graduating” to their next classrooms, and we are excited for them to continue developing to their fullest potentials. Our teachers are ready to make your transition smooth and comfortable, and are excited to work with your family. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about your child’s next steps.

Families, please remember to continue sending summer-ready clothing with your child, and do let us know if you have any summer vacations coming up.

We hope that you have an Awesome August!

Ms. Valerie & Mr. Mike



Little Lambs



Hello!

Wow, another summer month has come and gone in the blink of an eye! We are gearing up for all August has to offer. We have a few new friends who have joined our room, and a few joining us during the month of August.

Our theme for August is water play. The children will experience water through water play and art projects. If for any reason you do not want your child to participate, please let us know. We try to gauge our activities for the various ages in our room. With that said, we would do something different for our 4-month-old infants compared to our 8-month-old infants. If you have any questions, please let us know.

- Please remember to check your daily sheet for marked items your child needs
- We have been trying to get the children outside. The weather has not been very cooperative, but we will keep trying.

Thank you again for your support,

Miss Molly & Miss Cathy

Darling Ducklings

August's Theme:

Important Dates:

-Birthdays

-Teddy: 8/2

-Ms. Brittany: 8/25

-Hayes: 8/24

-Ms. Cynthia: 8/31

-Ray is moving up to Toddling Teddies. Good Luck!

The Month at a Glance...

We will be talking about Camping

Sensory Play – Tall Grass

Art Project: Peek-a-Boo Tents

School/Home Connection

Does your family enjoy camping/ If so, please email us pictures of your family camping.

Reminders:

Please make sure that your child has all of their daily supplies that are needed.



Toddling Teddies

The month of July was "Very Hot" with some very rainy days! There were days we weren't able to go outside to play so we got to enjoy some indoor art activities. So far, our summer activities have been a blast! The children did enjoy the outdoors, where we were able to keep cool by playing in the water table, and explore the playground with our new beach toys. We enjoyed buggy rides outside on the nice days of July as well. Our theme for July was the Fourth of July, Camping, and Summer Fruit. We also did some finger painting, water painting and coloring with crayons.

We will be combining with the Busy Bears during the month of August for some fun activities indoors and outdoors.

We will continue to do more fun activities so please look at our walls and bulletin boards to see your child's art. We will be having a big art project coming up that will be called Under the Sea.

In the month of August, the Teddies will continue toothbrushing and using a spoon. We will also continue practicing sign language and helping out. The children are adjusting very well to these routines. The month of August will also bring a taste test activity. We will be exploring food that tastes sweet, spicy, sour, bitter, and salty. Please see the special sign-up in our classroom if you would like to bring something in for the taste test.

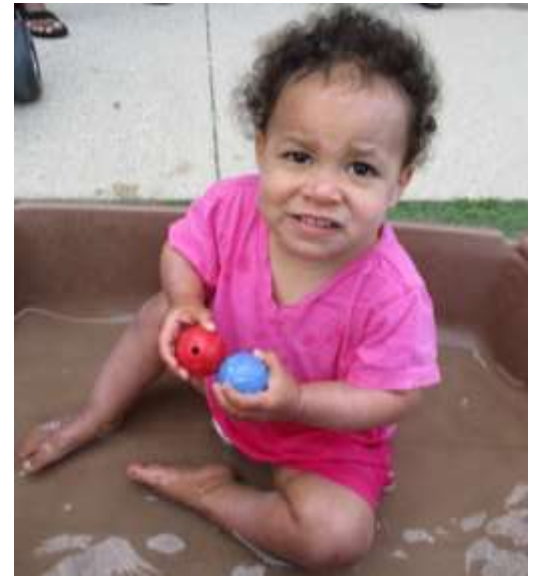
Congratulations to Charlie and Callan on walking.

When dropping off your child, please make sure to remember to wash their hands to help stop the spread of germs in our classroom.

Please remember to keep a hat, outside shoes, and a jacket in the classroom for your child. Please check your child's cubby to make sure they have the proper clothing for the weather--and check the size, please! We know how fast they are growing.

Stay safe and healthy!!

Ms. Dala and Ms. Daneca



Busy Bears

Greetings Busy Bear Families!

July came and went with a BANG and we are excited to welcome August. We have planned some fun activities for our classrooms and can't wait to share them with our friends. We will continue with our Summer theme throughout the month.

Last month, we welcomed Mx. Alex to our classroom, and we are very happy she joined our team! She loves singing, arts and crafts, and is excited to be in our classroom. She has lots of new ideas that will enrich your child's experience here at The Nook!!

Thank you for continuing to provide needed supplies for your child, and please update your child's intake and sunscreen forms if you haven't already done so. Let us know if you have any questions!

-The Busy Bears Team



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

John L. Jack B. Leah Teddy H.

Kareem Aubrey D. Hayes McKenna B.

Ms. Cynthia Ms. Brittany Ms. Laura Ms. Melody

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**There are many
things to see and do
around Milwaukee.**

**Check out our
Community Events
board!**

Perky Ponies

Happy August!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the long weekend celebrating the Fourth of July. It's hard to believe that summer is almost over according to the monthly calendar, but the weather that we are having is still amazing and enjoyable. Last month, we enjoyed having a special picnic outside on the playground and tasting a special red, white and blue Popsicle, we also enjoyed tasting a special red, white and blue snack that was strawberries, blueberries and whip Cream. We enjoyed having our feet painted red, white and blue by Ms. Bobbie. Back in the month of July we enjoyed learning about boats and playing at the sensory water table with them another activity that we enjoyed outdoors was painting with water on the playground sidewalk.

During the month of July, we also enjoyed learning about caterpillars and butterflies. In the month of August, we will be learning about frogs and Turtles, Zoo animals, State fair and under the sea creatures. Happy Birthday to all our friends that will be having a Birthday in August. Parents, feel free to contact us for any questions or concerns.

Ms. Sybal and Ms. Bobbie



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If at any time our phones are not working and you are unable to contact us, please call one of the other centers and they will get in touch with us via cell phone.

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

In July we celebrated the 4th of July in a big way, with lots of red, white and blue. This August, we will be learning all about picnics. We will explore different foods and talk about places people visit for picnics, sharing foods, and socializing. In this month of August, Happy hippos will do a potluck. When parents can bring a dish for sharing, there will be a sign up sheet.

Some things we will be making

August 3: Jelly Sandwiches

August 10: Applesauce

August 17: Fruit Salad

On August 24, we will have our picnic. Please bring something to share.

I must say, although I had these Hippos for a short while, my Happy, they have been a joy to have in class. Many Hippos will be moving on to the Soaring Hawks soon. I've enjoyed watching them grow! We will be having a short celebration on August 24th.

Ms. Bee (Berdina)

Soaring Hawks



Soaring Hawks

What an AMAZING month!!

We have SOARED & ENJOYED many summertime activities!! The weather for the most part has been great, giving us the opportunity to make our activities go well, which has been wonderful!! The children have LOVED water play and eating our lunches while outside. Most of them will ask, "are we eating outside today? Which is SUPER AWESOME to see them get so excited about these activities.

We have also worked really hard on our self-help skills. More children have been working on potty training and doing well with this task. It's been a great learning process for our friends who are in those beginning stages, too, piquing their interest and motivating them to want to try. If you're thinking of potty training, just let me know (Ms. Kimberly) or Ms. Breanna and we will gladly work on this task with you.

We have started a different approach with learning the alphabet. We will now focus on a "Letter of the Week," incorporating the sound it makes along with how to sign the letter. The children seem to really enjoy this. We also introduced... Mr. Potato Head to our classroom. It is a visual bulletin board for the children that reminds them about our classroom rules. This has been a wonderful tool. It's been so helpful and the children get excited about remembering what the board means.

Our themes last month were... Continuing Summer Fun, incorporating All About the Beach, BBQ/Picnic, and All About Ice Cream. During our beach unit, the children had a chance to explore and learn what a beach is and what types of activities you can do there. We also learned about some animals that live in the ocean by the beach.

Next, we had loads of fun learning about BBQ-ing and everything associated with going on a picnic. This was a terrific unit!! The children learned the importance of grill safety and how to grill and build a burger. The children also got a chance to observe the teachers grilling hotdogs for our lunch!! We also talked about the sizzle sound we heard while the hotdogs were cooking. Super fun and delish!!

Our last theme was "all about ice cream". This unit was so much fun!! The children were able to get a better grasp on where ice cream comes from and how it is made. Some of our activities included... Making ice cream in a bag, a science experiment (Ice excavation) exploring solid & liquid states, and playing a game called "Scoop it Up!" just to name a few.

This month's themes will be the ocean and community helpers.

Have a fantastic month!

Ms. Kimberly & Ms. Breanna



Leaping Lizards

Wow, It's August already! We hope that everyone is enjoying their summer and staying busy.

We will start the month with **Around the World Theme**. A child is never too young to learn about the world, different countries, and other cultures different from their own. Young children will benefit from exploring cultures through art, food, and holiday celebrations. We will also try international food and explore famous landmarks from around the world. Please see the parent's board for the sign-up sheet to bring ingredients for making international food.

Water is everywhere in our lives. Without much thought, we bathe in it, drink it, cook with it, and wash our hands over and over on a daily basis. In spite of its everyday status, there's still something mesmerizing about it, especially for children. They'll scoop it, pour it, and explore it over and over again. Water is a great study unit that you could enjoy for weeks or even months.

Children can explore the physical properties of water, the changing states of water, water's role in nature, and the many uses for water, so **Water** will be our theme for the second week of August.

On **Tuesday, August 9th**. We are going to have a sprinkler party. Please bring a swimsuit and a towel for your child.

Dinosaurs are fascinating at any age. Our little dinosaur enthusiasts love to learn about different dinosaur species, their living and eating habits, dinosaur eggs, and even fossils. That's what Leaping Lizards are going to learn in the third week of August.

In the last week of August, we are going to have a **Camping Theme**. Everyone loves camping, learning about nature, and eating S'mores.

On **Tuesday, August 30th**, we are going to have a camp out in our classroom. Please see parents board for a sign-up sheet. Your child will need a sleeping bag and a flashlight. If anyone has a tent that we can use, please let us know. (Don't forget to label your camping gear).

Finally, we appreciate all of you and your help.

Have a wonderful month!

Ms. Melody & Ms. Vicki

