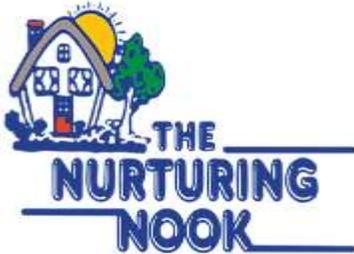


The Nurturing Nook - RiverPoint

September 2022 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- September 5:
CENTER CLOSED
for Labor Day
- September 8:
VIPTea with
Grandparents
- September 16 -
Mexican
Independence
Day

Directors' News

Greetings Nurturing Nook Families,

First, we would also like to thank you, families, for pardoning our dust as our parking lot and entrance got a much-needed facelift. Our carpets got freshly cleaned, too, so RiverPoint is looking quite dashing as of late!

September is all about big transitions and new growth and beginnings. While we were sad to see many students and families depart, it's such an exciting month of starting anew and forging new friendships and relationships. We're proud of how our teaching team has prepared themselves and their classrooms to welcome a new wave of students ready to learn and grow. We hope that you feel welcome and at home with your child's new learning environment and teaching team!

Have a Super September!

Ms. Valerie & Mr. Mike



Little Lambs



Hello!

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Labor Day Weekend. We are now faced with the fact that summer 2022 is almost over Boo Hoo.

Our theme for the month of September is "Under the Sea." Miss Molly is in full swing redecorating the classroom. Our children have had many sensory experiences with paint. They are creating the sea creatures.

We would like to say goodbye to four of our friends who are moving to Darling Ducklings. They will have fun exploring their new classroom. We will also be welcoming new friends throughout the month.

Please remember to check your child's clothing for proper sizing. With the weather constantly changing please have a warm outfit and a cool weather outfit.

Thank you again for your support,

Miss Molly & Miss Cathy

Darling Ducklings

September's Theme:

Important Dates:

-Birthdays

-Finnegan - 9/21

The Month at a Glance...

We will be talking about us!

Sensory Play – Paint

Art Project: Finger painting name

School/Home Connection

Pictures! Please bring in your favorite picture of your family!

Reminders:

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



Toddling Teddies

BACK TO SCHOOL

August was filled with a lot of sunny days but we were able to do a lot of awesome things indoors too! Now that the weather is getting cooler, the children have been able to go out and explore the playground, as well as enjoy buggy rides around the neighborhood! The days are getting shorter, the temperature is getting cooler and the leaves are changing colors!

During the month of September, we will continue with our fun and exciting art activities, working on puzzles and building up our small muscle and coordination skills by playing with some of our manipulatives. Plans are underway for some fun activities during the fall! The children will become more aware of the changes in the fall. We will be doing some waterplay activities to keep us busy. We have lots of fun fall activities planned for this month so watch the classroom for our many new art projects. As well, don't forget to look at our Under the Sea wall that we made in August.

We will continue to work on our social skills, using our spoons when we eat, and learning to put toys away when we are done. We will continue to work on our communication, fine motor, large motor, problem solving and social skills during the month of September.

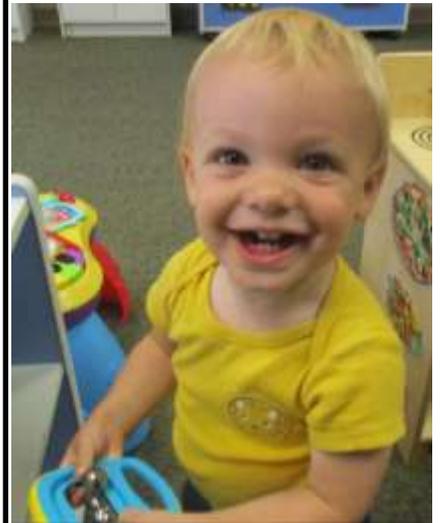
We are going to welcome Ellie back from her summer vacation. The Toddling Teddies welcomed Braxton, Vince, Teddy, Hayes and Lily from the Darling Ducks room. We gave a welcome to Oliver and James who are new to the center.

Congratulations to Callan, Mateo, and Calvin who are walking on their own.

Please remember to bring in a light jacket, hat and closed-toed shoes for outside time! Thanks for providing summer hats and sunscreen to help protect your child from the heat. We will continue going outside daily, weather permitting.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy especially to the families who are traveling for summer vacation and for the holidays!!

Thank You
Ms. Dala and Ms. Daneca



Energetic Elephants



Hello Energetic Elephants Families!!

We've had quite a busy summer and Fall is almost here. Lots of events have taken place and we're looking forward to a Sensational September with lots of fun Fall activities.

The weather is going to get a little cooler because of the seasonal changes, so please bring along jackets, sweater, and hat for your child. There still may be warm days, and we continue to go outside weather permitting!

As we say goodbye to our old friends, we are happy to welcome our new ones from Teddies.

We're happy to address any questions/concerns you may have and we're ecstatic for your child to be a part of our classroom.

Thanks,

Ms. Barb & Ms. Alex



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

*Levi Lily S. Amelia Brady Grace
Finnegan Teddy K. Ms. Molly Ms. Bobbie*

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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

Perky Ponies

Hello Everyone,

Wow, can you believe that summer is coming to an end? We hope that everyone had a great summer! Back in the month of August, we enjoyed making some fun art projects, learning about some sea creatures and animals like frogs and turtles, and exploring different kinds of boats. We even had a surprise guest come to the center to give us a special treat: the Ice Cream Truck! It was very exciting to see, and all of the children and teachers enjoyed a special ice cream treat. Our Ponies friends have been working on their small motor skills through learning to color with marker and crayons and building with blocks. Our friends enjoyed having a great time at an end-of-summer picnic with our Hippos and Hawks friends.

As the Summer is getting close to end, we will be making new changes, creating new classrooms with new friends, and experiencing new weather changes. We're just so excited and proud of our Perky Ponies and excited for our friends Amelia, Grace, Levi, Kaylee, Jack B., Jack L., Teddy, and Brady to grow up. I hope you have a wonderful time in the Happy Hippos class!

In the month of September, we will be learning more about the season of Fall, learning about the weather, trees, and community helpers. Also, don't forget about upcoming events and days where the center is closed. Thanks, and be safe!

Outdoor experiences: Learning how to climb carefully

Family Partnership: Hi families, the children are growing quickly and some of them need bigger sizes for their "Extra clothes" bin.

Thoughts for the month: Let's talk to our children about your job/career for Community Helper week.

Ms. Sybal, Ms. Bobbie & Ms. Angel



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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

Fall is here and we had an awesome Class of 2022. It will be hard saying goodbye to some amazing students. We've watched them develop leaps and bounds to reach their goals and now they're ready to move on to the next level. I want to thank all of the parents for their continued support.

This September, we are so excited to welcome our new incoming students. Parents, I'm looking forward to continuing teaching two-year-olds. We will spend the entire month of September getting acquainted with the classroom. The children will be engaged in a variety of activities; quiet and active, social and independent, constructive and pretend play. Hippos will be exploring through their many senses and learn as they play according to Jean Piaget. Some of the fun activities are singing, dancing, yoga, and experimenting with eating and cooking activities. Families, I encourage active and frequent communication as your child is developing. I will be sending out resource pamphlets on what to expect at this age.

Have a great month!

Ms. Berdina (Bee) & Ms. Keke



Soaring Hawks

Hello Parents!!!

The month of August was such a blast!! Our themes were.. **Ocean Life** and **Community Helpers**. We had so much fun learning about these themes!!!

First, we began our month learning about the ocean. The children learned to recognize and identify different kinds of common ocean animals as well as how these animals live. One of the stories we read, "The Rainbow Fish," talks about the importance of sharing and caring. This story was so realistic to us, because it's a job that we work on daily. The children talked about the book amongst themselves as they reminded each other to do this act of kindness. It was great to see!!

Some of our activities included...

Learned the parts of a fish: Mouth, Scales, Fin and tail.

-O is for Ocean. We reviewed the sound the letter "O" makes, along with learning to sign the letter "O."

-Created an ocean mural in our classroom and made a special treat, "Ocean in a Cup."

Next, we learned about a variety of "Community Helpers" that help to keep our community safe, healthy and help to make life better in the community.

Some of our activities included...

-A puppet show using community helper puppets.

-Making homemade pancakes / Lava lamp science experiment.

-Reviewing the sound the letter "C" makes, along with learning to sign the letter "C."

-Making a community helper's chart, then categorizing picture cards that pertained to each helper.

-Making a community map / Grocery store.

-Having a community picnic on the playground with the Happy Hippos classroom.

Each month, our themes are just loads of fun!! So PLEASE continue to read the daily "What We Did Today" board along with the weekly lesson plan.

We've had an AMAZING SUMMER and now it's time for new beginnings. All of the Soaring Hawks students will be moving on to their next classroom (Leaping Lizards).

SO OKAY... It's truly hard to say goodbye, so we won't. However, Ms. Breanna and I have enjoyed immensely having your child in our class. WE LOVE THEM and WILL MISS THEM!! We also wanted to just say a special "Thank you Parents" for always supporting us and working with us. If you have any questions about your child moving to the next room, please let us know. We want to WELCOME our new students to our classroom!! We are looking forward to having you in our class as well as getting to know your families.

Parents, just an FYI... the teachers will move your child's belongings to their next classroom. This also goes for Happy Hippos students coming into our class, (just in case you are reading this). This month our themes will be...

Welcome to the Hawks Classroom, All About Me, My Five Senses and Apples, Apples, Apples.

Have a wonderful month,
Ms. Kimberly & Miss Breanna



Leaping Lizards



Welcome to the Leaping Lizards Classroom



Themes

Our curriculum this month will revolve around the following themes:

All About Me, Apples, Colors, the Alphabet, Numbers and Shapes. Be sure to look at your child's calendar on a special-colored theme week. We will also focus on sharing, taking turns, helping others, putting things away and being a good listener.

School Supply List

To begin the school year, your child will need to bring in a spare change of clothes, 1 box of markers, a pencil box, stickers, and a gently used or new book to contribute to our classroom library. We love a good book! We are also asking for novelty items for our treasure chest. When we see good behavior or acts of kindness, the children get to pick from the chest. Supplies are due by Thursday, September 8th.

All About Me

During the week of September 12th, we are doing an "All About Me" unit. We are asking each family to make a poster about your child, parents, siblings, friends, pets, favorite activity, etc! We'll supply the poster board.

At circle-time, your child will share their poster with the class! The children love looking at their posters with friends.

Family Photo

Please bring in a 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 family photo with everyone's names written on the back. We would like to create a mural for our room, as well as get to know everyone's family.

Extra clothes

Please be sure to check your child's cubby for spare clothes. There should always be two pairs of pants, underwear and socks.

Drop off Time

When dropping off your child, please have them use the bathroom and wash their hands before entering the room to avoid spreading germs.

If you're running late to school, please call and let us know. We are required to call when children are not here at their scheduled times, and it takes time out of our routine when we have to stop our activities. It is greatly appreciated.

Parent Board

Please be sure to check the Parent Board for information on classroom activities. We do post signs on special events in our room as well as photos. Some parents have found it helpful to take a picture of the signs posted as an extra reminder. Newsletters will be placed in your child's mailbox monthly to keep everyone informed.

Looking forward to a fun filled Fall, Vicki and Melody