



August 2010



Shape: Octagon 

Values: Patience & Caring

Color: Violet

Motor Development: Skipping

Opposites: Largest & Smallest



August 2nd - August 6th Everything is Music



- **Discussion:** "What is music to you?"
- **Arts & Crafts:** Homemade instruments
- **Music & Movement:** "Musical Chair Madness", "Krazy Karaoke", "Shadow Dancing", including various finger plays
- **Critical Thinking & Journal Page:** "Musical Water Glasses", "Shopping for Sounds!" and "Musical Notes Match-Mats"



August 9th - August 13th Shapes in Our World



- **Discussion:** "How many can you name?"
- **Music & Movement:** "Shapes" poem, "Five Big Cookies" finger play and "Shape Walk"
- **Learning Games:** "The Shape of Nature", "How Big Is Nature?" and "Pinch & Clip"
- **Arts & Crafts:** Artwork Placemats, Texture Collage, "Presto! Change-O!", "Let's Go Fly A Kite" and "Puzzle Fun"



August 16th - August 20th A School of Fish

- **Discussion:** Talk about amounts, grouping and categorizing.
- **Cooking & Math:** Scented Purple Play dough
- **Critical Thinking:** "Odd One Out", "Animal Classification" and "Who Is a Living Thing?"
- **Music & Movement:** "Sing a Song of Numbers" and "Working in Twos."
- **Language & Vocabulary:** "Baby Animals"
- **Outdoor Fun:** Octagon Hopscotch & skipping



August 23rd - August 27th In the Jungle



- **Discussion:** "What animals live in the jungle?" Talk about jungle facts. Play "Guess Who?" game.
- **Music & Movement:** "One Elephant Went Out To Play" and "The Animals In the Jungle"
- **Arts & Crafts:** "Monkey Madness" (with or without moveable parts), and create an Animal Mask.
- **Dramatic Play:** Enhance with theme-related props and materials.

August 30th - September 3rd Ending a Year, Beginning A new

- **Discussion:** "What was your favorite activity, song or game that you learned this year?"
- **Literature:** Read *When It's the Last Day Of School* by Maribeth Boelts & Hanako Wakiyama

Clean out cubbies & files: All artwork, materials & personal items will be sent home in preparation for the coming school year. Thank you!

Did you know...?

Healthy lifestyles include healthy eating and exercise. Encouraging healthy lifestyles in children is important as they prepare for adolescence and adulthood. Lifestyles that begin in childhood are more likely to stay with the child into adulthood.



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Special Dates:

7/30: Dr. Shana Bonyanpoor, D.D.S presentation (Pre-Kindergarten)

8/2: Gayle Bentley, Music Presentation Music Specialist & Former University High School Instrumental Music Director (Toddlers)

8/5: Diane Rojas, Zumba Dance Instructor (Preschool)

8/17: Jump Start Kindergarten (JSK) Program
Dates for JSK: 8/17, 8/19, 8/24 & 8/26

8/20: Kid's Night Out –See office for more details!

9/6: School Closed for Labor Day

9/27: Back to School Night - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
(Rooms: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11)