

August 2017

Colors: Rainbow

Shape: Octagon (8 pts.)

Motor Development: Skipping

Opposite: Largest/Smallest

Values: Perseverance



July 31-August 4

Amazing Athletes

- Discussion: "I keep my body healthy and strong by..."
- Read: Salt in my Shoes, I Am Yoga & Little Soccer
- Dramatic Play: Work at a sports shop; buy, sell & repair sports-related items.
- Science & Math Experiment: "Sink & Float Sports"; predict and document outcomes and why
- Outside Activities: Relay races and Jumping Contests

August 7-11

Teddy Bear Picnic

- Discussion: "My teddy bear is special because..."
- Math: Measure and weigh teddy bears; graph information
- Read: Brown Bear, Brown Bear and Corduroy
- Learn & Recite: "Fuzzy Wuzzy Was a Bear" poem
- Dramatic Play: Create a classroom play with teddy bears
- Literature: *Where's My Teddy* & *The Teddy Bears' Picnic*
- Sensory Experiences: Cornmeal with glitter and buttons

August 14-18

Let's Go Camping

- Discussion: Encourage children to share stories about their beach or forest camping experiences.
- Sensory Experience: Make Fizzy Cloud Dough
- Outside Games: "Sleeping Bag Races", "Nature's Tic Tac Toe" and "Nature Scavenger Hunt"
- Cooking: Homemade S'mores (ingredients are oven-heated)
- Science Experiment: Skittles Candy Science
- Critical Thinking: Create a story around a "camp fire"
- Read: S is for S'mores and Scare Bear

August 21-25

Summer Fun

- Discussion: "This year I had fun learning how to _____!"
- Outside Activities: Throw tennis balls at octagon shapes on the wall—largest to smallest.
- Read: How I Spent My Summer Vacation
- Arts & Crafts: Open-ended weaving with yarn and yarn needles or molding with clay or modeling clay
- Sensory Experiences: Black beans with colored sand; add a balance, cups and spoons
- Science: Planting flower and grass seeds in different containers; track which grow the fastest and discuss.

August 28-September 1

Ready for School

- Discussion: Getting to know one another; sharing names and fun facts. Playing Circle Time Games.
- Large Group: Learning about your new classroom.
- Arts/Crafts: Painting at the easels, tracing with markers, colored pencils or crayons.
- Outdoor Activities: Balancing on zig zag tape lines; walking heel-to-toe. Hula hoops and Number Hopscotch. Lacing a variety of circle-shaped cereals.
- Read: Max and Mo's First Day of School and How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Did you know...?

Family Life— Avoiding Burnout

"Some parents feel terrible strain and fatigue as they try to juggle their responsibilities at home and at work. Here are some ideas to help you ease the pressure: *Throughout the workday, fit some relaxing moments into your routine. *Try to develop rituals that improve your frame of mind when you arrive home. *Involve the entire family in evening responsibilities. *Keep your expectations realistic. *Assess how you are spending your time during the day. *On the weekends, schedule some relaxing time for yourself.

<http://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/work-play/pages/Avoiding-Burnout>

Special Events:

August 4: Turtle Rock "Olympics" and sports dress-up day

August 14: Please bring your sleeping bag to school to promote our camping theme

August 18: Kids' Night Out & Spirit Shirt Day

August 23: Last Day of School

August 24-29: Fall Preparation & Staff Development

August 30-September 1: Orientation & First Days of 2017-2018 School Year. Please view the detailed calendar for Your Child's Start Date

