


June 2017

Monthly Concepts

Shape: Hexagon (6 points)  **Colors:** Orange & Peach **Opposites:** Heavy & Light
Values: Acceptance **Motor Development:** Galloping

June 5-9

Dads Are Extra Exceptional!

- **Discussion:** “My Daddy makes me laugh when he _____! I love my Daddy because _____!” Share pictures, stories and items about Daddy during Circle Time.
- **Arts & Crafts:** “Portrait of My Daddy” and special artwork & crafts for Father’s Day celebrations.
- **Music & Movement:** “D-A-D-D-Y”-tune of: “B-I-N-G-O”
- **Cooking:** Orange Smoothies; prepare and enjoy!
- **Literature:** Father is Big, Me and You & Just Me and My Daddy
- **Outdoor Activities:** “Bean bag Toss” to different sizes of hexagons, practice skipping, and batting at beach balls
- **Science Project:** Corn flour Slime; make & explore.

June 19-23

Oceans: Under the Sea

- **Discussion:** “Deep below in the ocean...” Talk about beach safety and ways to help keep the ocean clean.
- **Arts & Crafts:** Make a jelly fish or hermit crab.
- **Sensory Exploration:** Dig in sand from the beach; add tools and sea shells. Explore real seaweed from a local beach.
- **Science:** Make a tornado bottle with blue water.
- **Read:** Commotion in the Ocean & A House for Hermit Crab
- **Math:** “Jewels of the Ocean”: count jewels and place them in the correct numbered shell
- **Outdoor:** Build sandcastles, canals & rivers; add “treasure”

June 12-16

Oceans: Above Sea Waters

- **Discussion:** “Ocean animals like to...” Children will be encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas about this topic.
- **Science:** Sink/float items with salt vs. fresh water. Talk about why some items float and some do not; graph results.
- **Music & Movement:** “Ten Little Sailors” and “Down by the Bay”
- **Read:** Exploring Tide Pools and Nugget and Fang
- **Arts & Crafts:** Make a salt dough shark tooth
- **Math:** Measure with rulers and tape measures; record findings.
- **Nature Walk:** Take a bag to collect items; sort items by color.
- **Cooking:** Make orange or peach dough; add crafts sticks.

June 26-30

America the Beautiful!

- **Discussion:** “What colors are on the American flag?”
- **Learn & Recite:** “The Pledge of Allegiance” and “Flag of America”
- **Arts & Crafts:** Create an “Uncle Sam” mask, “Fireworks Q-tip” art, “Stars & Stripes” collage and a Penny Pendant.
- **Group Game:** Summer Dominoes
- **Music and Movement:** Patriotic Instrument Parade
- **Fine Motor:** Lace a hexagon and open-ended weaving with yarn, ribbon and lace.
- **Read:** A is For America and America the Beautiful

Special Events:

June 1:

Spring Webby Dance Recital
Beginning at 9:30 in Room 8

June 7:

Flip Flip Hooray Gymnastics Medal Ceremony– specific medal times posted in the office

June 12:

Father’s Day Celebrations

- Room 6- 8:30am-9:00am
- Rooms 5, 8 & 9- 9:30am-10:00am

June 13:

Father’s Day Celebrations

- Rooms 7, 10 & 11– 9:30am-10:00am
- Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4– 3:45pm-4:15pm

June 14:

- Kindergarten Graduation Celebration– 1:30pm-3:00pm
- Pre-Kindergarten End of Year Ceremony– 3:30pm-5:00pm

June 16:

Spirit Shirt Day and Kids’ Night Out

June 19:

Summer Camp and KinderCamp begin

With summer comes a variety of water activities, bright California sun, vacations to fun and far away places and new experiences for many children and their families. Don’t forget to take a moment to relax and enjoy a good read with your child! Reading with your child will also reinforce critical thinking, rhyming, recollection of events, promote imagination, and so much more! Some popular summer titles include: *Harry by the Sea*, *Baby Loves Summer*, *Fireflies*, *Peter in Blueberry Land*, *Summer*, *Mama Is it Summer Yet?*, *The Relatives Came*, *Summer Days and Nights*, and *Flower Fairies of the Summer*.