

July 2025

Monthly Concepts:

Shape: Star



Colors: Silver and Grey

Motor Development: Climbing

Opposites: Most/Least

Value: Patience

June 30-July 3

Stars and Stripes

- * **Group Discussion:** "What do you know about America?"
- * **Arts & Crafts:** Create an American Flag using red and blue paper stripes, star stickers and a wooden dowel.
- * **Cooking Project:** Apple Pie Pockets— practice peeling and slicing .
- * **Science Experiment:** "Fizzing Stars"- using baking soda, vinegar, red/blue food coloring and star cookie cutters.
- * **Fine Motor:** American Flag Paper Plate— lacing practice.
- * **CleverTouch:** Trip Across the USA—visiting famous landmarks.

July 7-11

Sports and Olympics

- * **Group Discussion:** "What are the Olympics?" "How can we be nice to our friends when we play games?"
- * **Music & Movement:** Creating Team Chants
- * **Arts & Crafts:** Create Your Own Gold Medal—using modeling clay and ribbon.
- * **Math:** Which sport do you like best?— counting and graphing.
- * **Fine Motor:** Tracing Tape Lines— using a tennis ball.
- * **Gross Motor:** Obstacle Course Challenge— practice hopping, crawling , and side-stepping.
- * **Literature:** *Olympig!* by Victoria Jamieson

July 14-18

Pirates and Mermaids

- * **Group Discussion:** "What are some things pirates might find in a treasure chest?"
- * **Arts & Crafts:** X Marks the Spot—creating our own treasure map.
- * **Music & Movement:** "A Mermaid's Song"
- * **STEAM:** Mermaid Traps— inspired by the story *How To Catch a Mermaid*.
- * **Gross Motor:** Walk The Plank - practice balancing on a beam.
- * **Sensory Exploration:** Alphabet Hunt—search through a sensory bin filled corn starch, gems, and letters.
- * **Literature:** *How To Catch a Mermaid* by Adam Wallace

July 21-25

Teddy Bear Birthday Picnic

- * **Group Discussion:** "When is your birthday?"
- * **Arts & Crafts:** Cinnamon Painted Teddy Bears— mixing cinnamon in brown tempura paint to engage the olfactory sense.
- * **STEAM:** Teddy Bear Sorting— using teddy bear counters and scoops to catch bears and sort them in baskets.
- * **Cooking Project:** Homemade Playdough— making playdough birthday cakes.
- * **Outdoor Exploration:** Outdoor Picnic
- * **Dramatic Play:** Teddy Bear Picnic Book Nook
- * **Literature:** *The Teddy Bears Picnic* by Jimmy Kennedy

July 28-August 1

Mindfulness Matters

- * **Group Discussion:** "What does it mean to be mindful?"
- * **Language Development:** Build-a-Face Story Stones – children will observe and recognize different emotions.
- * **Arts & Crafts:** My Magic Breath Painting—inspired by the book *My Magic Breath*.
- * **Music & Movement:** Rainbow Relaxation— breathing and stretches.
- * **Gross Motor:** Practicing Horizontal Climbing
- * **Sensory Exploration:** Emotion Bottles— exploring colored bottles that correlate to each emotion.
- * **Literature:** *I Am Peace: A Book Of Mindfulness*

Special Events

July 4: Independence Day Holiday - School Closed

July 17: Spirit Shirt Day

July 18: Pizza Day - JPK AND

Kids' Night Out *Sign-up link in TW@TR email

July 21-25: Bring a Teddy Bear to School

July 25: Pizza Day - Preschool

