

Children's House Chatter

Juniors Class:

The Juniors have been learning all things nature! Different types of butterflies, trees, birds, and flowers. We have been enjoying nature walks and swimming at the pool. Arkansas Game and Fish came to visit and taught the children about fishing and how to cast a fishing pole. The Juniors also explored looking at different organisms using the microscopes. Some students have been caring for the toddlers by helping them put their shoes on, read them stories, and patting their backs at nap time.

Upstairs Class:

This summer has flown by, and we have had such fun with old and new friends. We have continued working in all areas of the classrooms and completed a unit about wetland biomes and rainforest animals. We will be finishing a study of the Tundra over the next two weeks. The children are fascinated to learn which animals live across the continents and which ones are exclusive to a continent. (Most of the children know the most common animals already having begun at 3 to work the puzzle maps and match the animals.) We will continue water play through most of August and will plant a winter garden.

Outside Class:

In July we welcomed Joyful to join our class and today we welcome Joshua. The children have a lot of fun playing in the water during these hot summer days. In the garden, the tomatoes we planted are ready to eat but the strawberries disappeared before we could see them ripen. The class chicks are growing into adulthood and the children enjoy watching and feeding them. For the summer camp children, we have enjoyed your time with us and as the end of summer gets closer we hope to see you again next summer until then please enjoy your next adventures.

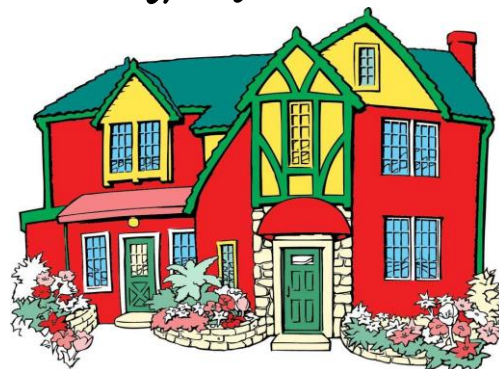
Toddler Class:

The Toddler Community has been working on using our words with conflict and grace and courtesy. We are learning to stand up for ourselves and be assertive when a friend pushes, hits, or hurts our bodies. We tell them "I don't like that. Please don't touch my body" or "I don't like that. That hurts my body". At mealtime we hold hands and sing our grace song, "Look around and you will see, community, a family, we are brothers and sisters, we are one." When we are offered food we say, "Yes please" or "No, thank you" we clean up after ourselves and push in our chairs and put our cups and dishes away. We are learning to be more independent daily while developing our language and social skills.

Infant Class:

The infant class is growing and learning new things each day. The little ones have mastered sitting unassisted while also learning to pull up and crawl. They older ones have been busy working and mastering walking but, have mastered standing unassisted while also working well on lessons. They are also learning to clean up by putting their work away when done. They are continuing to grow their vocabulary by learning my work/toy, more, milk, water, please, thank you and adding more words to those each day. They have almost mastered the signs for each word. The older kids have been enjoying the nice weather this summer as well as water play days. If you have not brought in weather appropriate spare clothing or were asked to bring in supplies, please bring those in.

July/August 2024



Quote of the Month

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence,"

-Dr. Maria Montessori

School-Wide Helpful Tips & Dates to Remember...

- **Drop Off/Pick Up Reminders:**
 - Once through the gates, SPLIT into two lines.
 - WAIT until you are at the FRONT of one of the two lines before you take your child to class.
 - TURN OFF your engine before you exit your car.
 - NO CELL PHONE USE in Car Line. It's the Law!
- **IMPORTANT DATES:**
 - **August 1st** – Monthly Tuition, lunch, and fee payments due. **3**
 - **August 15th** – All 2024-2025 School Fees Due (Annual, Building, Technology, & PTO Dues)
 - **August 29th** – Last day of Summer School.
 - **August 30th** – School Closed. **NO** School. **No** Child Care.
 - **September 2nd** - School Closed in observance of Labor Day. **NO** School. **No** Child Care.
 - **Saturday, September 7th** – **9:30AM – 11:30AM** Back to School Open House & Parent Orientation