

Smart Bear Learning News

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From the Office: Corrected date for End of Summer Bash

Hello Smart Bear Families,

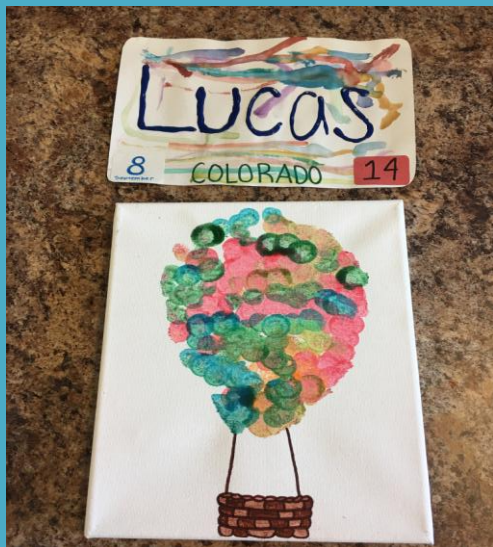
August has arrived! We will be having our **End of Summer Luau on Saturday, August 11th**. Be sure to save the date. Sweet Cow will be coming to the school on the 3rd as our final in house field trip. Be sure to check the front counter to see if you are missing something from your child's file. The teachers in your child's classroom have forms to sign regarding checking your children in and out each day. This is a state licensing requirement in addition to a Smart Bear requirement. Please be sure to sign and return to Whitney or Karen. We want to give a big thanks to Nathan Gabor for donating a mobile maker station to the school. We are so excited to put it to good use. Check it out in our science room. We also want to welcome Ms. Breann to our staff! You can find her in our Preschool classroom!

Good luck to our new Kindergarteners: Adison E., Gavin G., Cayden H., John K., Chase R. We know you will be rock stars and we will miss you!

Warm Wishes,

Colleen, Karen, Whitney & Smart Bear Learning Staff

Kids Corner



Pre-School

Preschool Parents!

"August is that last flicker of fun and heat before everything fades and dies. The final moments of fun before the freeze. In the winter, everything changes."

Rasmenia Massoud

In August we will be finishing up the summer. We will be learning about animals!

Things to remember:

Tuesday is Splash Day

Wednesday is Show N Tell

Thursday is Field Trip Day

Early Learners

Hello Parents,
August is the best time of year!
End of summer activities are endless
and the new school is here! We're
kicking off with animals, and learning
more about how and why all animals
are important! Our highlight this
month will be learning our animal
sounds.

Tessa and Anu

August Birthdays

Zachary B. 8/1

Max K. 8/2

Diego C. 8/7

Chase R. 8/8

Willow S. 8/21

Adison 8/23

Zander L. 8/25

Logan S. 8/27

Lillian W. 8/29



Word of the Month: Book



Toddlers

Welcome to August. Our theme is animals. We are looking forward to a great month. The children will be making all kinds of cute pictures with animals including cows and pigs. Please don't forget to check their folder. I want to welcome Bella to the Transition room. I hope everyone has a great summer so far. Jen and I are looking forward to a wonderful school year with the children.

Jen and Pennie

Transition Room

Transition parents,

As we head into fall, please stock your child with summer shorts, short sleeves and longer fall clothing. This month we will learn about animals through music, art, and new materials. Also, everyone please extend a big welcome to our new friend Bella (Isabella) and our friend Max who is transitioning.

Amanda

Pre-K

Dear Families,

This month will bring many changes. Our Kindergarteners will be leaving us. We wish them well! We will also make new friends when the Preschoolers move up! Our theme this month is "Animals." We will spend a week on Colorado Animals, Farm Animals, Nocturnal Animals, and Jungle Animals. We have several classroom adventures planned.

This month we will have a student of the week. That student will find out on Friday, the student will make a poster about themselves, have sharing one day and other surprises.

Stay cool and we wish you well,

Ms Karen, Ms. Natalie, and Ms. Megan,

Infants

Hello Infant parents!!

Summer is coming to an end and we are excited to bring in August with our theme of Animals! We are so excited to welcome back Ms. Sparklynn from Texas. We will be working on back to school and animals on the farm, exotic animals, house hold animals, and zoo animals. We look forward to this month's fun and games.

Ms. Sarah and Ms. Sparklynn

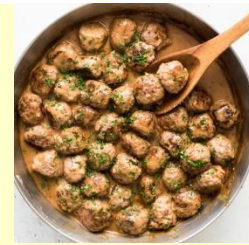
Upcoming Events:

August 2nd	Sweet Cow in house field trip
August 11th	End of Summer Bash
August 16 th	Missing paperwork due
August 23 rd	Last day to turn in missing paperwork
August 25 th	Parent's Night Out
Sept. 3 rd	Closed (Labor Day)
Sept. 9 th	Grandparent's Day
Sept. 20 th	Teddy Bear picnic

Back to School



Cathy's Corner



The Best Swedish Meatballs

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound ground beef
- ¼ cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 TBL parsley, chopped
- ¼ tsp ground allspice
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
- ¼ cup onion, finely chopped
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 egg
- 1 TBL olive oil
- 5 TBL butter
- 3 TBL flour
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 TBL Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In medium sized bowl combine ground beef, panko, parsley, allspice, nutmeg, onion, garlic powder, pepper, salt and egg. Mix until combined.
2. Roll into 12 large meatballs or 20 small meatballs. In a large skillet heat olive oil and 1 TBL butter. Add the meatballs and cook turning continuously until brown on each side and cooked throughout. Transfer to a plate and cover with foil.

3. Add 4 TBL butter and flour to skillet and whisk until brown. Slowly stir in beef broth and heavy cream. Add Worcestershire sauce and Dijon mustard and bring to a simmer until sauce starts to thicken. Salt and pepper to taste.
4. Add the meatballs back to the skillet and simmer for another 1-2 minutes. Serve over egg noodles and rice.