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From the Office: Upcoming Events

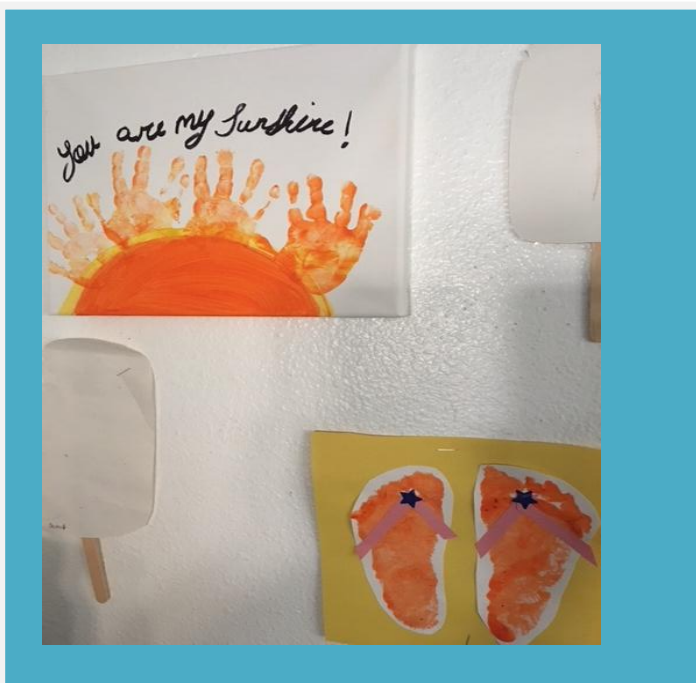
Hello Smart Bear Families,

Welcome to July! The first week of July is going to be a busy one. Our annual Bike Parade will be on the 3rd at 10:00. Parents are welcome to watch or help direct traffic! Smart Bear will be closed on the 4th! The children will be enjoying a water slide on July 5th and we will have Family Engagement that night. It will be pot luck, cake contest voting and the water slide for all so bring your bathing suits. The evening events will start at 6:00 p.m.

Warm Wishes,

Colleen, Karen, Whitney & Smart Bear Learning Staff

Kids Corner



Pre-School

Preschool Parents!

It's July!! This month we will be learning about transportation. This is our favorite month. Please, remember that show n tell is on Wednesdays. Only bring toys on this day. Splash Day is every Tuesday; have your child sun screened and ready for Splash Day at drop off. Bring them in dry clothes and towels as well. We have a contest coming for the 4th of July. Please keep an eye out for our cake ☺

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Early Learners

Hello Parents,

This month we will be learning about transportation and talking about the days of the week and months of the year. This month is the 4th of July which we will be closed. Enjoy the holiday! We will also be having our annual bike parade so bring your bike and get ready to ride! We will be incorporating our theme into our projects by making cars. Our Early Learners will also be doing a cake contest so don't forget to vote for the best one. We can't wait to get started. ☺

Tessa & Adysn

July Birthdays

Sierra C. July 9th

Sophia C. July 9th

Ms. Adriana July 15th

Ms. Averi July 15th



Word of the Month:

Flag



Toddlers

Hello Toddler Families,

Boom, Boom Vroom and crashing into summer! Transportation is the monthly theme. We will be exploring every type of transportation. We can't wait to get rolling!

Jen, Megan, and Pennie

Transition Room

Happy July! We will be celebrating everything America and learning about transportation during this hot, hot month. Please remember to provide cool layers, hats, sunscreen, and extra clothes for Splash Day. Also, please keep in mind these babies participate in both morning and afternoon recess, so please apply sunscreen each morning before drop off! We will be doing some fun painting and gross motor activities indoor and outside!

Amanda

Pre-K

Hello Families,

Zoom! Zoom! We are taking our July theme from the famous Mazda commercial. We will be learning about all kinds of transportation on land, sea, air, and space. We will also celebrate our country's birthday during the first days of July. We need toilet paper tubes to make patriotic wind socks. Also, we need cardboard milk or juice cartons for our transportation projects. We are continuing to do assessments with the children to monitor their development. Field trips will continue on Thursdays and Splash Day will be continuing on Friday. We wish you well!

Ms Karen, Ms. Natalie, and Ms. Sarah,

Infants

Welcome to July Infant parents, We are so happy to have Ms. Sparklynn teaching with us again. We have our bike parade this month on the 3rd. Our theme is transportation and we cannot wait to roll into it with our babies. Please remember extra clothes and to apply sunscreen if you would like it on Splash Days and field trip days (Mondays and Thursdays). Let's bring the 4th in with a bang!!

Ms. Sarah and Ms. Anu

Upcoming Events:

- July 3rd Bike Parade
- July 4th Closed
- July 5th Water Slide
- July 5th Cake Contest with Parent Voting
- July 5th Family Engagement Pot Luck
- July 11th Ice Cream Social
- July 12th Fire Department Visit
- July 19th Lockdown Drill
- July 26th Merry Andrew Afoot 9A Cowboy's Tail)
- July 30th Fire Drill



Cathy's Corner



CHICKEN AND RICE STOVETOP DISH

INGREDIENTS

- ½cup thinly sliced celery
- ¼cup chopped onion
- 3tablespoons_butter
- 2cups chicken broth, possibly more
- 2medium carrots, halved and thinly sliced
- ⅔cup uncooked long_grain rice
- ⅛teaspoon salt
- ¼teaspoon pepper
- 2cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1tablespoon minced fresh parsley

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a small saucepan, sauté celery and onion in butter.
2. Add broth, carrots, rice, salt, and pepper.
3. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Check to see if more broth is needed after 20 minutes.
4. Stir in chicken and parsley.
5. Cover and simmer 5 to 10 minutes longer or until the rice and vegetables are tender.