

August Newsletter

Hey Hippos! Wow I can't believe it is August already, summer flew by fast but it was an amazing one! The school year starts August 16th which means the new fall schedule will start in the classroom and it will be posted next to the parent board! Although we get to meet new Hippo friends we have to say Good-Bye to our old but dear Hippos! We will miss you: Drew, Brenden, Anna Alyana, Reghan, Teagen, Alexa, Ben, Savannah, Stella, Adina, Emily and May; come back and visit us!

Last Day of Water Play Aug. 10th

Birthdays: August 3rd Ben's 5th Birthday!

August 21st Clara's Birthday

August 24th Hunter's Birthday!

Academics: (P.J. Day is Friday August 27th)

~ 1st & 2nd week- Rainforest

~ 3rd week Camping/ Letter "S" & Number "1"

~ 4th week Hollywood Bound/ Letter "A" & Number "2"

In September we will be starting to work on our colors and shapes, we will be working on one each month! Our art will begin to be aimed at the letter of the week. For example: for letter "S" we will make "S"- tents! The art still goes with the theme but the letter will always be part of it in order for the children to really absorb the new information they're learning. We will try to have everyone's art ready to go home on their last day for children who are leaving!

To our new friends and Parents: We are so excited to have you in our Hippo family! We hope you enjoy our classroom and we are happy to watch your child grow! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask Ms. Kelsey or Ms. Betsy! On our sign in table we have a water bottle that we are using for donations to help people in Africa for the water project please feel to donate or make any suggestions!

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Hippo Room

Theme: Rain Forest +

Ms. Kelsey + Ms. Betsy

Week: 1

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Bible
Monday	Explain how there are 4 levels to a rain forest. Discuss 1st level plants.	Make a map of 4 new plants grow.	Make 1st level plants	
Tuesday	Review 1st level + plants. Explain 2nd level + 2nd level plants.	Make dirt cake	Make 2nd level plants	
Wednesday	Review 1st level + more onto third level	Adding + Subtracting plants on a felt board	Make 2nd level plants	
Thursday	Review and go through 4th level	Words that rhyme with forest	Make 4th level plants	
Friday	Talk about how to protect + preserve rain forest.	Group different recycling materials	Caroline plants in classroom to make forest	

Environmental Changes:

- Dramatic Play Scientist exploring plants
- Sensory/Science Exploring the insects we have
- Table Toys Jungle + Animals
- Blocks Make a rain forest
- Music/Movement/Outside Yoga

Show & Tell

Anything with plants.

Schedule Changes

Goals/Assessments	
Language Arts/Literacy	Label plants + create
Mathematics	Making a growth chart
Science	watching plants grow!
Social Science	Where rainforests are.
Physical Development	yoga
Fine Arts	pretending to be a scientist.
Social/Emotional Development	protecting the rainforest.

Hippo Room

Theme: Rainforest

Ms. Kelsey + Ms. Betsy

Week: 2

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Bible
Monday	Discard 1st level animals	Label forest cards.	Make 1st level animals	
Tuesday	Discard 2nd level animals	Prime with animals	Make 2nd level animals	
Wednesday	Discard 3rd level animals	Play letter game.	Make 3rd level animals	
Thursday	Discard 4th level animals	Play a number game.	Make 4th level animals	
Friday	Talk about animals in multiple levels.	Explore the idea of survival in rainforest.	Complete the forest.	

Environmental Changes:

- Dramatic Play Pretend to be animals in rainforest.
- Sensory/Science difference between fur scales + feathers
- Table Toys cages
- Blocks Create boats to travel through rainforest.
- Music/Movement/Outside pretending to be animals.

Show & Tell

Anything to do with animals in
Rain Forest.

Schedule Changes

Goals/Assessments	
Language Arts/Literacy	Labeling Forest items
Mathematics	Number sense
Science	Survival in the rain forest
Social Science	How to get through the rain forest.
Physical Development	Pretending to be animals.
Fine Arts	Modeling animals.
Social/Emotional Development	Appropriate ways to interact w/ animals.

Hippo Room

Theme: "Camping Time"

Ms. Kelsey + Ms. Betsy

Week: 3

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Bible
Monday	Where you camp - What you see.	Worksheet introducing the letter 'S'	Fireflies in a jar.	Darius makes good choices
Tuesday	What you need in order to camp + ideas of making.	Come up with 'S' words and work on segment.	Make snakes + darius snake story	Discover how we can make good choices
Wednesday	With a Scavenger Hunt. Talk about lakes, rivers, + streams + what you can do with water. Camping clothes	Fold socks + toss into basket and work on segment. Water counting	Find the Son in the tent.	Go through the story of David + the lion's den
Thursday		Make smores	Make Spaghetti "S"	Explain how we can be faithful.
Friday	Have a Campin.		Finish Art.	Understand How God used David's Faithfulness.

Environmental Changes:

- Dramatic Play Campsite.
- Sensory/Science Finding things on the table.
- Table Toys/pegs making campsite.
- Blocks Make S shape.
- Music/Movement/Outside Bundle Bee Song

Goals/Assessments

Language Arts/Literacy

Letter S words + writing

Practicing with letter "S" or
Sampling

Mathematics

Work on counting

Schedule Changes

Science

Where animals live in their homes.

Weather affects camping needs.

Social Science

Where you can camp.

Physical Development

Fine motor skills in fishing socks

Fine Arts

Making "S" w/ spaghetti

Social/Emotional Development

Camping etiquette.

Theme: 'Hollywood Bound'

Hippo Room
 Zebra Room
 Mrs. Maloney & Mrs. Edwards
 Mrs. Tracy & Mrs. Betsy

Week: 4

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Bible
Monday	Find Hollywood on a map. Discuss the importance of Hollywood. Before that you can visit Orange tree series to take series. Explore Region.	Westside + introduce the letter of the week. 'A' for American and 'A' for American.	Make a poster of the week collage with magazines.	Introduce Goodrich, Westcott + Howard from Friendship with us.
Tuesday	Explore video series + how they work. Video a play + see the video.	Go singing around the letter.	Make an Apple Tree. Hollywood signs.	Discuss how we have to follow God over everything else.
Wednesday	Discuss how actors have to practice + discuss. Explain. 'A' for American + letter.	Explore music that starts with 'A' for 'A'.	Happy with Apple.	Explore the idea of wise advice.
Thursday	Have the children write up with own stories + pictures on.	Write on number recognition.	Finishing.	Put out story + read to the class.
Friday				

Environmental Changes:

- Dramatic Play Dressup + accessories + shoes + wig.
- Sensory/Science of force. Observe + how light affects film.
- Table Toys Legit + table toys.
- Blocks + blocks + story + movement.
- Music/Movement/Outside + outdoor + Super Heroes.

Show & Tell

Handwritten notes or dates, possibly including '1/11/11'.

Schedule Changes

Goals/Assessments	
Language Arts/Literacy Handwritten notes	
Mathematics Handwritten notes	
Science Handwritten notes	
Social Science Handwritten notes	
Physical Development Handwritten notes	
Fine Arts Handwritten notes	
Social/Emotional Development Handwritten notes	