

Panda Newsletter
August 2010

It's finally August! This summer has gone by so fast. The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time but it is also a time for many goodbyes. We have so many Panda cubs that will be moving up within the month. Let's say a tearful goodbye to Jack Q., Sean and Karina. We would like to give a big Panda welcome to Sydney, Leia and Colin. We are so excited to have all of you in our class!

We have many new and exciting things happening during these next 2 months. There will be a lot of change in the room along with preparing the kid's to get back into "school mode". Our class will return to a consistent academic schedule which will involve science projects, letter of the week, small group homework assignments and focusing on letter and number recognition. Ms. Angel and I will do our very best with any transition through out the next few months. This is going to be a great year!

The summer weather is staying pretty consistent so we are asking that you check your child's cubby for any extra clothes that need to be brought in incase of an accident/spill.

Attached is a supply list for our classroom. We will ask for **all school supplies to be brought in no later than September 10th**. We **appreciate** in advance your help in keeping our classroom well stocked. There are many wonderful art projects planned through out the year☺

As I mentioned, this is going to be a crazy month but it is going to be a fun month. We have a lot of fun parties and projects planned. Our class will have a Luau on Friday, August 13th and a snack sign up will be posted on Monday, August 2nd. Pack-a-Lunch and Pajama Day is on August 20st for camping week. We would like each child to bring in a labeled flashlight on Monday, August 16th to use through the week and on Monday, August 23th a pair of sunglasses, too. Please dress your child up in their best rock star or diva wear on Friday, August 27th for our picture shoot☺ Reminder notes will be posted throughout the month regarding these activities.

August Curriculum

August 2-6 - Rainforest

August 9-13 - Rainforest/Luau

August 16-20 - Camping

August 23-27 - Hollywood Bound

August Show n tell:

Friday, August 6th - favorite animal book

Friday, August 13th - wear your beach wear for our Luau

Friday, August 20st - a camping item

Friday, August 27th - dress in rock star or diva wear

August birthdays:

Jack Q. - 17th

Our last Sprinkler Day will be on Thursday, August 5th and all swim items will be sent home that day.

If you have any questions regarding your child's move-up date or the room they are assigned to please let us know.

Rainforest

Lesson Plans
Panda Room

Theme:

Week:

August 2 - August 6

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Sensory or Science	Afternoon Group	Environment Changes
Monday	Animals of the rainforest	Recognizing A, B, C 1, 2, 3	Parrots	Planting Aquarium	Color matching	Rainforest Animal
Tuesday	Where do these animals live?	A, B, C coloring pages	Handprint Tree tops	→	Memory	Rescue
Wednesday	What do the animals homes look like?	1, 2, 3 sorting	Create- Creature	coffee tub	I spy...	→
Thursday	What do the animals eat?	Spanish # 1-10	Friendship Butterflies	Gluing Tea leaves	Spanish # 1-10	Searching and taking care of animals
Friday	Flannel board story	Rhyming	Cheetahs Jaguars	Sugar play	Puppet show	

Show & Tell: favorite animal book

Goal letter of the week: Recognizing + writing A, B, C # 1, 2, 3

Rainforest / Luau

Lesson Plans
Panda Room

Week: August 9 - August 13

Theme:

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Sensory or Science	Afternoon Group	Environment Changes
Monday	Animal calls	Recognizing 1st letter of name	Connected monkeys	Volcano experiment	Color patterns	We are in a rainforest
Tuesday	Rainforest weather	Writing 1st letter of name	Twisty snakes	→	Colors of the rainforest	A rain in search for food
Wednesday	→	Letters of my name	Rainfall w/ water color	sugar play	#1-10 Number Train	Making shelter
Thursday	How the weather effects the rainforest	Tracing A-Z	Coffee filter butterflies	coffee tub	Around The World	to live in; trees, underground dirt holes, etc.
Friday	What is a luau?	Tracing #1-10	Free art	Tea leaf gluing	Dancing like rainforest animals	→

Show & Tell: Wear beach attire

Goal letter of the week: Recognizing + writing 1st letter of name

Lesson Plans
Panda Room

Week: August 16 - August 20

Theme: Camping

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Sensory or Science	Afternoon Group	Environment Changes
Monday	Why do people go camping?	Lacing patterns	Make Panda bird feeder	Go Fish Card game	The Bear Went Over The Mountain	Preparing Camp Food
Tuesday	Things you would see while camping	Flower jewelry	Paper roll Binoculars	Bird Watching	All Gods Critters	↘
Wednesday	Book: <u>Rosies Walk</u> What you would take on a hike?	fishing counting April	Design hiking maps	Animal Tracks	Five Little Ducks	Out door hike
Thursday	Things you would bring on a camping trip	horse shoes	Gluing out door objects	Mixing Chicken Feed	Happy Trails To You	
Friday	stories around the camp fire	Hiking w/ maps		Fishing w/ magnets	The Ants Go Marching	

Show & Tell: An object you would take camping

Goal letter of the week: Small Fine Motor Skills

Theme: Hollywood

Week: August 23-August 27

Lesson Plans
Panda Room

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Sensory or Science	Afternoon Group	Environment Changes
Monday	All about movies *Spanish colors	Color matching	Walk of Fame stars	Color fun at the water table	Lights, Camera, Action!	Superstar Dressing
Tuesday	Cartoons we love	A-B Color Patterns	Television Imagination	↳	casting calls	Rooms
Wednesday	Behind the scenes *Spanish colors	Flannel board color game	Light table colored Hollywood scene	Colored rice scooping	Panda Auditions	Building sets for a movie
Thursday	Instruments of a rock star	Brown Bear game	Prop Designs	↳	Broadway Songs	↪
Friday	Panda Catwalk *Spanish colors	Color Fun w/ magnets	Fashionable Sunglasses	Colored volcano experiment	Lights, Camera, Action!	↪

Show & Tell: Dress like a rock star or a glamour diva

Goal letter of the week: Spanish color and matching