

Turtles August Newsletter

The summer months are almost over and Turtles are feeling the heat! We are playing outside as much as possible, but taking safety precautions as well. We stay hydrated by having a glass of water after outside play times. When there is a heat advisory and temperatures are expected to be over 100°, Turtles stay inside in the afternoon. We do some active play around the classroom to help get our energy out.

Every month brings some changes and this August we are sad to say goodbye to our friend Jadyann who has moved to the Panthers and our part-timer Ms. Kalie. She is starting her senior year of high school and will be very busy with volleyball! We will miss you both! We would also like to welcome some new faces to the Turtle Room this month: Ronald, Lucas, and Ms. Mikayla.

Weekly Curriculum

Rainforest - August 2-6: We will be starting a two week unit on the Rainforest. We will begin learning about the Layers of the Rainforest and the amazing animals that live there. We will sort animals by fur, feathers, or scales and we have lots of art projects planned!

Rainforest – August 9-13: This week we will talk about the Rainforest climate and what we can do to Save the Rainforest! We are going to explore Rainforest foods by trying tropical fruit and playing with coffee beans in the sensory table. On Friday, August 13, the Turtles will have a Luau Party! A sign-up sheet for tropical treats will be posted on the door that week. Also that will be our last week of Water Play. We will wear our swimsuits home on the 13th. If you prefer, you can bring a shirt or cover-up to be worn with our swimsuits that day!

Camping – August 16-20: We'll explore everything that goes into camping: equipment, cooking over a fire, fishing, and singing around the campfire. We would love to make it a more authentic experience for the Turtles, so if you have camping equipment we could share at group time or a tent we could use for Dramatic Play, please let us know!

Hollywood Bound – August 23-27: Welcome to the glamorous world of movies, actors, and actresses! We get to be at our most dramatic by dressing up and playing charades. On Friday, August 27, we will have a Movie Premiere Day! Please dress your Turtle up like a movie star or diva (fancy clothes, hair, sunglasses, the works!). We will walk the red carpet, eat some popcorn and enjoy the movie *Monsters, Inc.* We are planning to watch the whole movie in two parts: one half in the morning and one half in the afternoon. Please watch for a sign-up sheet giving us permission to show *Monsters, Inc.* An alternate activity will be made available for your Turtle if you prefer.

August is the last week of summer curriculum. In preparation for our fall schedule and increasingly academic curriculum, a Supply List and updated Welcome Packet will be in your child's file folder (outside the Turtle door) soon! These supplies are used throughout the year to enhance our classroom activities and to make a year-long portfolio for your child. Please bring in supplies by Friday, August 27th. Thank you!

Finally, please remember to SIGN IN and SIGN OUT in the Turtle room every day. This is a state requirement and helps us keep your child safe!

Show N Tell:

August 6 – Jungle Animal

August 13 – Free Choice

August 20 – Object that starts with the letter Cc

August 27 – Favorite Movie

Birthdays:

Ronald – August 13

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Show N Tell: Jungle Animal	7
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Theme: Rainforest Animals

Lesson Plans

Week: ~~2-6~~ August 2-6

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Sensory or Science	Afternoon Group	Environment Changes
Monday	Introduce Layers of Rainforest	R for Rainforest	Safari Binoculars Toucans	Fur, Feathers, or scales?	Bible: Elijah's Faith	Rainforest Books
Tuesday	Emergent Layer	Bugs in order - Big to Small	Butterflies and Bugs	↓	Move like an animal	Vines! Trees
Wednesday	Canopy Layer	Playdough Trees	Monkeys and sloths	Water	Play	Safari Center
Thursday	Rainforest Floor	Rainforest Reading	Tigers and Elephants	Hippos in water	Chapel	Listen to Sounds of the Rainforest
Friday	Rainforest Rivers	Use scissors to cut leaves	Hippos and Snakes	↓	Count Animals 1-3	Rainforest Layers

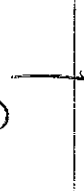
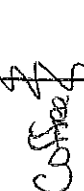
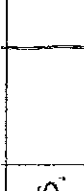
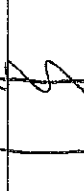
Show & Tell Fridays: Jungle Animal

Letter: Rr Number: 1-3 Shape: Review Color: Review

Theme: Rainforest

Lesson Plans

Week: August 9-13

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Sensory or Science	Afternoon Group	Environment Changes
Monday	Review Insects and Plant Life	Recognize 1-3	Flowers	Track growth of grass	Bible: God Shows His Power	Housekeeping; Veterinarian
Tuesday	Rainforest Climate	Count Animals 1-5	Paint with Watercolors		Song: Five Little Monkeys	Blocks: Build a Jungle
Wednesday	Rainforest Foods	Try Foods: Mango, Avocado, Banana	Save the Rainforest Poster	Coffee 	Water Play!	Rainforest Books
Thursday	Save the Rainforest	Fur, Feathers, or Scales?			Chapel	Vines; Trees
Friday	Dance the Hula!	Review Colors	Grass Skirts	<u>LUAU!</u>		Books Hawaiian Music

Show & Tell Fridays: Free Choice

Letter: Review Number: 1-3 Shape: Review Color: Review

Theme: Camping

Lesson Plans

Week: August 16-20

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Sensory or Science	Afternoon Group	Environment Changes
Monday	Introduce Camping	Books in Tent	My Tent	Nature Walk	Bible: Daniel's Faith	Tent
Tuesday	Cooking over a fire	Trail Mix: Count 10	Nature Collection Bag	Sand w/ Rocks & Twigs	Campfire Songs	Blocks: Build a Campsite
Wednesday	Fishing: Match Colors	Fish for Shapes	Art Paint w/ Marshmallows & Cartoon	Nature Items & Magnifiers	Bible Story	⊕ Dramatic Play: Cook over a Campfire
Thursday	Campfire Songs	List Camping Activities	My Canteen	Nature Walk	Chapel	Mountains! Trees
Friday	Introduce Camping Clothes	Tent Centers	Nature Collage	Taste S'mores	Review Camping	Music: Campfire Songs

Show & Tell Fridays: Object that starts with Cc

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Theme: Hollywood Bound

Lesson Plans

Week: August 23-27

Day of the Week	Morning Group	Small Groups	Arts & Crafts	Sensory or Science	Afternoon Group	Environment Changes
Monday	Introduce Hollywood	H for Hollywood	Hollywood Stars	Fabric Textures	Lights, Camera, Action!	Blocks: Fill Stars
Tuesday	Movie Theaters	Sort Shapes	Movie Tickets	↓	Bible Story	Housekeeping: Dress Up
Wednesday	Actors: Actresses	In My Movie...	Sunglasses	Feathers	Acting: Charades	Movie/TV Books
Thursday	Autographs	Make Autograph Book	Autographs	↓	Chapel	Hollywood Hills
Friday	Walk the Red Carpet	Monsters	Inc.	↓	Monsters, Inc.	Hollywood Stars

Show & Tell Fridays: Favorite Movie

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