

# THE SUMMER SUN IS SHINING ON THE LEARNING WELL



Hello everyone. I run the risk of sounding like a broken record, but WOW, this summer has flown by! We are wrapping up our final summer themes this month, and will end the month celebrating Walt Disney's birthday (a few months early ☺).

Last month we had fun celebrating the Fourth of July and using our Dory/Moana themes to explore oceans, ocean creatures, and boats/ships. The weather was hot, hot, hot, so we took advantage of that with lots of water play.

August brings more Disney film magic with such favorites as Toy Story and Cars. Then we'll whisk back into the past and discover some "old" Disney characters like Mickey, Pluto and Donald. It's sure to be a fun-filled month! The best part, by far, will be our make-your-own-sundae party to celebrate the end of our [Frozen](#) theme weeks!

We have two new staff members starting this month ... Miss Jordan, who is Teacher qualified and an Early Education major at BSU and Miss Danny, who will be assisting in different classrooms and will be starting college this September. We also say good-bye to two staff members ☺ Miss Hailey and, my daughter, Miss Alex. ☺ They're both leaving for college and we'll miss them both very much!! I'm sure they'll visit whenever they come home from school.

Going forward, if there is something you'd like to see included in the newsletter, for example articles on child development, kid-friendly recipes, or lunch ideas, please reach out and let me know. Also, if there's an upcoming event or a place you visited that you think our other families might enjoy, I'd love to learn about it and include it here. You can catch me upstairs or email me at [scbates.learningwell@gmail.com](mailto:scbates.learningwell@gmail.com) Thanks!

We have another special visitor coming this month -- Yuri "Prince of Color". He sings, dances, juggles, and does magic. It's sure to be a great time full of laughs, music and fun! **He will be here Thursday, July 23 at 10:30. All are welcome, even if it's not your child's scheduled day!**

Have a great month everyone and enjoy the rest of your summer.



**LABEL LABEL LABEL**

PLEASE - LABEL EVERYTHING THAT BELONGS TO YOUR CHILD

(cups, lunch boxes, backpacks, spare clothing, shoes and anything else you can think of!)

If you're looking for actual labels, check out Mabel's Labels, Oliver's Labels or Name Buddies

THANK YOU ALL!

## THANK YOU



We would all like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to **Luis' mom, Maria**, for donating toys for all the classrooms and especially for the outdoor speaker! The children love listening to their favorite songs while out on the playground.

And, also, to **Keenan's grandmother** who brought in the most delicious homemade blueberry bread for staff!

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

*"Our greatest natural resource is in the minds of our children."*

- Walter Elias Disney (**fun fact:** the robot Wall-E was named after Walt Disney)

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## INFANTS

Hello everyone and welcome to August in the Infant Room! We were able to get outside a good amount last month (depending upon the weather) and your babies loved sitting and watching the older children run around. They spent some time on the grass in the shade and enjoyed the fresh air. We also got to celebrate Luke's first birthday! [Thank you, Luke, for sharing your birthday cupcakes with the Infant Room teachers - they were delicious.](#)

This month, we will continue with water play in our pool with small toys and boats. We're also going to do a lot of sensory/texture play with spaghetti, sand in bags, beans in bags and bubbles. Watch for progress reports that will be going home sometime this month. We will also be adding a new friend, June, to our room in August. We can't wait! It's going to be a fun and busy month!

If you haven't already, check out the classroom window to see what beautiful artwork your babies have made -- it's all about summer!

Have a great month!



## TODDLER ONES

Hello Toddler Ones Families! First -- a big [CONGRATULATIONS](#) to TJ and his family as they welcome new addition, Wesley. We're so happy for you all!

July was a blast as we listened to songs from Frozen, Dory and Moana. We especially loved singing and dancing to the Moana soundtrack and we now know all the songs by heart!

We spent as much time as we could out on the playground enjoying water play and keeping cool under the awnings. It was great to see your children splashing and laughing in the water tables and mini pools. We also loved the music man who visited mid-month. He sang lots of songs and even let us use some instruments to make our own music.

We close out our summer of fun this month with more Disney films - Cars and Toy Story; and we'll also introduce them to some "old" Disney characters like Huey, Dewey and Louie!

Have a wonderful month everyone!

## TODDLER TWOS

Hello everyone and Happy August! We hope you are enjoying your summer as much as we are in the Toddler Twos Room.

Your children had a lot of fun last month. We got outside as much as we could and cooled off under the sprinklers and in water tables. We had a special musical visitor who entertained with songs and instruments (that we got to use, too!). We also 'dove' into the ocean with our Dory and Moana themes! We talked about different types of ocean creatures, played with water beads in the sensory table and with ocean slime (great for small muscle strength).

We will continue our fun Disney-themed summer. Frozen week will end with a Ice Cream Sundae Party (can't wait), then we move on to Cars and Toy Story with lots of fun activities and science experiments.

Stay Cool!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

Myles - August 16



## PRESCHOOL DOWNSTAIRS

Happy August Preschool Families!

Summer is in full swing! Please continue to apply sunscreen in the morning, and to send in water gear and water bottles. August is, most likely, going to be as hot as July so we need to keep cool!

We welcomed a new friend to our room last month! If you see Chase, please give him a warm Learning Well "Hello!" Chase is doing great, getting adjusted to the daily routine and is making lots of new friends!

Last month, we had fun learning about and discussing more Disney movies. With Dory and Moana, we talked about ocean life, ships, legends (like Maui) and ended the month with Frozen and ice and snow! We also enjoyed music and movement with our special visitor, Mr. Philip. He let us use different musical instruments and we sang some of our favorite songs.

Your children also thoroughly enjoyed making and manipulating frozen slime, writing their names with marshmallows and making coconuts!

This month we finish up Frozen and then move on to the Disney movies Toy Story and Cars. We'll end the month talking about "old" Disney characters, Mickey Mouse Club House, Disney books and music. We will also have a birthday party for Walt Disney (whose birthday is really in December, but I'm sure he won't mind!).

We hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer. Try to stay cool!



## PRE-K UPSTAIRS

Hello everyone! We hope you are all enjoying your summer.

July was an awesome month in the Upstairs Pre-K. We welcomed a new friend, Hailey, and two additional friends - Hailey's brother, Josh, and Xavier's sister, Jolie, who are with us for the summer.

We got outside almost every day in July and had lots of water play to offset the crazy heat. What a warm month!

August brings an end to our Frozen theme, and we move on to Toy Story, Cars and some old-school Disney. We'll probably watch some early Disney Mickey Mouse films to show the children how much animation has improved over the years, and how Mickey himself has transformed! We will also read Disney books and add Disney songs to our dancing and Music and Movement time.

Miss Christine brought in lots of new toys for our classroom and your children are loving them and are doing a great job taking turns and sharing the fun.

At the end of the month, we say a sad goodbye to our friends Josh and Jolie, and also to our friends who are moving on to Kindergarten ... Brooklynn, Brynne, Ella, Kasidy, Will and Xavier. We'll miss you all and wish you the best as you start your new adventure.

Quick reminder to all ... please remember a blanket for rest and a water bottle.

Thank you everyone. Enjoy the rest of your August!

