

# July & August, 2016

## SMART START PRESCHOOL

### Summer Reminders:

Hello Smart Start Families! It's hard to believe that our summer is already half over! Soon several of our preschoolers will be leaving to start their journeys in Pre-K and Kindergarten at our local schools and more of our toddlers and infants will be moving up into their new classrooms. As you know, our contracts run from September to September. Over the next two weeks, I will be reviewing contracts and renewing with families that will be staying on for the next school year! If you have any questions about when your contract is up, please let me know!



### The Upcoming School Year...

We will be welcoming a few changes to our classroom structures in August and the upcoming school year. Beginning August, I will be returning to working at our school full-time (with my wonderful 7 week old boy)! One teacher from each classroom will not be returning this Fall. Emily and Lauren are continuing their educations and Caitlin is moving back to her home town, Sacramento, California. They have all been such wonderful members of our teaching team and will be missed!

Our current Preschool Assistant Teacher, Casey, has been working endlessly this spring and summer to earn her Early Childhood Credential so she is able to take over the position of Lead Preschool Teacher. Casey has been with us just over a year and has demonstrated excellent teaching skills and personal connection with each student. We are excited for her to transition into the position of Lead Teacher, and are confident it will be a great year! We are welcoming a new assistant, Brooke, to take over Lauren's position as the Toddler Assistant Teacher, and will be hiring one more Assistant for the Preschool Room over the next month. Finally, after careful consideration, I have decided to take over Caitlin's position as the Lead Infant Teacher. I am excited to step back into a teaching role and am so fortunate to be able to spend this time with my own son and all our wonderful infants!

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#### Important Dates

7/29	Tuition Due
8/12	Tuition Due
8/26	Tuition Due
9/5	CLOSED - Labor Day
9/9	Tuition Due
9/23	Tuition Due

## OUR INFANT ROOM, BY CAITLIN, KAYLA, & TESSA

### This Month In The Infant Room

Welcome to July! This summer is sure flying by! Our babies have been enjoying the warm weather and all the outdoors has to offer. Our new teaching assistants Tessa and Kayla have loved getting to know each baby and their unique personalities. A few exciting milestones happened this month including Perla becoming a walking expert and Sydney turning 1! Lastly, this month we welcomed 3 new babies to our tribe (John, Luke, and Tanner). We are excited to watch them grow this Fall!



### What To Expect

We are lucky to have filled our infant room with 8 wonderful babies and will continue to watch them grow day by day. We will not be introducing a new friend in this room until November when Perla joins the toddlers! Our



Lead Teacher, Miss Caitlin, will be leaving the infant room and heading back to her home state of California. In place, we are fortunate to have Miss Hillary taking over the lead role in the infant room. This month we will be working a lot with our hands. Our babies will be painting, using Play-Doh, and will be spending time using our rice sensory bins and water table.



## OUR TODDLER ROOM, BY BECCA, LAUREN & JAMI

### What's new

We have done some fun and exciting things during the last month in the Toddler Room! We started off by talking about camping; the kids enjoyed making our fire fly crafts and exploring on our nature walk behind the school. Next we learned about ways to keep ourselves healthy and sorted pictures of foods that were good for us to eat all the time and foods that we eat sometimes like a treat. We had a special visit from the Nature Center where we met a big turtle, a lizard with a blue tongue, and a furry ferret. It was so much fun learning about the animals!



### What's to come?

During the month of August we will be learning more about animals! We will be talking about Birds, Butterflies, Bumblebees, and Monkeys. We like to get outside a little earlier in the hot summer months so we can play in the cool shade on the playground area where we will be chasing bubbles and playing catch!



## OUR PRESCHOOL ROOM, BY EMILY & CASEY

### What's New...

The preschoolers have been practicing writing their names a lot these past few months! Many of them are doing really well with name and letter recognition. We have also been doing a lot of tracing and painting so far this summer. We are really enjoying our outdoor playing space, especially with our new fenced in playground! We have been doing some of our art projects outside so we can enjoy as much sunshine as possible, and we have been playing in the sprinkler and hose every chance we get! The preschoolers are also really enjoying our music teacher, Miss Amy, who comes into our class every Thursday and teaches us new songs and dances. She has even taught us all the colors in sign language!



### What's coming up next?

In the upcoming months we will continue with our themed weeks and learning activities. Some of our themes will be birds, butterflies, bumble bees and monkeys! We are also looking forward to taking some field trips to Brownies Produce Stand (next door) and picking out some fresh produce for snack time.

