Gator Academy News September 2017





Kai folding his blanket after nap

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

It has been such a joy getting to know all of you these past few weeks. Your children are creative, loving, and imaginative.

I wanted to let you all know a bit about me:

I've worked in Early Childhood Education for the past 20 years (please don't do that math). I have taught classes, cooked, driven the bus, and worked in management. You will find me on the carpet playing with blocks more than in my office. But, I promise my work is done, before I play!

I married my high school sweetheart and we have 2 boys (8 and 11). We moved to Texas from Southern California about 10 years ago, and this area as truly become our home. In my free time, I love to swim and watch my boys play flag football. My husband and I enjoy ballroom dancing and cooking.

I hope as the year goes on, to learn more about your families.

Thank you again for trusting me with your greatest gifts...

Ms. Elle

Focus: School Language: ABC's Letters: A & O Numbers: 1 & 0 Shape: Circle - Round Art: Botticelli – "Art in the Round" Music: Folk Music – Circle Dance Culture: Eastern European: Polish, Russian, Jewish

This month our students will start learning about school and what it means to be a student. As each class digs deeper into our monthly focus, you will see our classrooms transformed and enriched with the creativity of our teachers and imagination of our children.

Our Classical Artist this Month is Sandro Botticelli

Our Musical Focus is Folk Music

Stop by our Fine Arts Highlight Board to learn more and see the work your children are doing.

In our Culture for the month, the children may be sampling yummy foods, dressing in traditional

Clothing or creating artwork for this area.

CURRICULUM NEEDS

Small child sized hangers and small laundry baskets ABC wooden Blocks Small Cardboard Boxes Corn Starch Sheets or Towels for costume making Hand mirrors Hula Hoops Bubbles Scrapbook Paper

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 7th: Grandparent's Day Activities

Invitations to follow

Toddler and Early Preschool Classes will have activities for Grandparents at **9:30am**. Please see the sign up form in your child's class to let us know how many Grandparents will attend.

Preschool and Pre-Kinder Classes will have activities for Grandparents at **10:30am.** Please see the sign up form in your child's class to let us know how many Grandparents will attend.

Please make sure that all Grandparents have a picture ID!

Tuesday, September 26th: Johnny Appleseed Day

We will have a fun day of activities planned for each class to celebrate Johnny Appleseed's Birthday.

Please see your child's teacher for individual classroom needs.

Tumble Bus will start on September 8th

Please see our information board in the Lobby for sign up forms.

All Children 18months and up can participate.

We are growing...

In the next few weeks, you will be seeing some "construction" happening in our front room. I have seen a need for a potty training room- so we will be creating a new Early Preschool 2 Classroom, for this purpose.

I feel that children under 5 learn and grow best in small groups, based off development, rather than just age. This extra classroom space will allow us to better create these small group bonds and help our students be comfortable and safe.

More information will be provided as we move forward.

Ms. Tatum and Sawyer getting ready for snack



Reminders

Every child needs extra clothes daily

Everything brought to school must be labeled!

On Mondays, everyone needs Blankets and nap stuff returned to school

Sunscreen and Bug Repellant need to be signed in to your teachers.

All back to school paperwork needs to be completed ASAP.

