

July 2022

Sequoia's Treehouse



Welcome July 2022

Summer is in full swing, and we cannot wait to see what this season has in store for us! The children have been focusing on their gardens; planting everything, watering, and patiently watching everything grow and blossom. Take a look and see what else they have been doing and what their plans for next month are!

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Seedling Room

Hello Seedling Families,

We jumped into the theme of summer for June, and although the weather didn't start out particularly "summery", it started to catch up near the end! We had so much fun painting, exploring sand and seashells, growing a lobster in a Ziplock bag of water, and finding all sorts of ways to use a big box from Costco. It was fun to watch the babies come up with their own ideas- flipping it, punching it, and climbing on and inside of it. We brought in many kinds of sensory bottles- ocean waves, sea creatures, seashell, sand, glow sticks, and even marshmallows! We added books and pictures about the sea and the beach to the room to look at and talk about.

In July we are planning to focus our curriculum around S.T.E.M. We are excited to explore infant versions of science, technology, engineering, and math with our little seedlings! These are big concepts, but there are some fun ways to introduce them. We will be playing with oobleck, investigating sensory bottles of various fasteners and cords, building with blocks, looking at pictures of interesting structures, and exploring patterns.

-Sandy & Laila

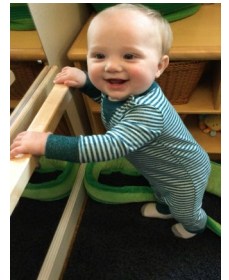


We've been exploring:

Summer
Camping
Oceans/The Beach

Looking forward to:

Science
Technology
Engineering



Sprouts Room

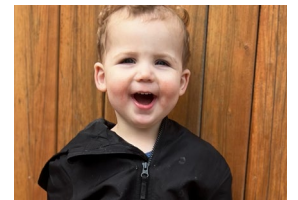
Hello Sprouts Families!

For the month of June our theme was painting with different textures such as bubble wrap, sponges, tree branches, rocks and dirt. We also said goodbye to teacher Alyse as she moves on to new adventures. We are very excited to welcome teacher Adrianna as part of our classroom, and Ailyn and Noah from the seedlings. Our older students have been very helpful being patient with our newest additions as well as helping adjust to the new schedule. We are continuing to work on our social and language skills. We have been reading "B is for breath" to help remind us what tools we can use to express our big emotions. In July we are excited to be exploring fruits!

-Deisi & Adrianna



Parents: Summer is finally coming around so we want to remind everyone to apply sunscreen every morning, and please bring in extra clothes as we will be having lots of outdoor water playtime.



We've been exploring:

Music
Books
Painting

Looking forward to:

Summer
Water Play
Fruits

Shoots Room

Hello Shoot Families

This month we welcomed Teacher Em to our classroom! They will be substituting for Teacher Colleen until she returns from medical leave in August. Our class explored the start of summer by learning all about the Butterfly life cycle, using our 5 senses to examine watermelons, and observing the ever-changing Olympia weather. We sang "The Butterfly Song", all about a caterpillar transforming into a butterfly. We painted with nature items found in the wetlands, made collages with pompoms, glue, and paper, and created many watercolor masterpieces. We started a small garden this month and it has quickly become one of the student's favorite ongoing projects! We gently planted wildflower seeds, thoroughly watered our strawberry plants, and observed as both us and the plants slowly grew. We are looking forward to our Camping and Ocean units in July!

-Mads & Em



We've been exploring:

Taste

Smell

Sound

Looking forward to:

Camping

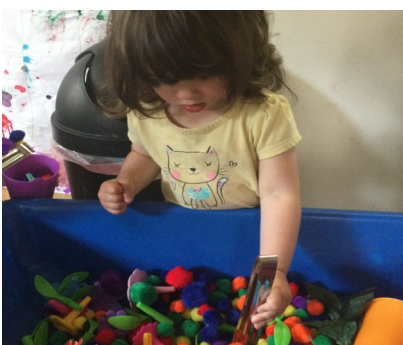
Oceans

Family Notes

-Please clearly label everything your child brings to school, as this helps us stay organized!

-Parents should be applying sunscreen every morning before dropping off.

-Please check the top of your child's cubbies for any communication or artwork to take home.



Shoots II Room

Happy Summer Shoots 2 families!

This month we have been exploring dinosaurs and the alphabet. We have been talking in class about what letters each of our names starts with and progressing further from there by going over all the letter in our names. Some of our classmates are really advanced with knowing letters and it was really sweet to see them helping others understand letters. We also have done some dinosaur experiments from making baking soda dino eggs and watching them fix to painting and exploding our own volcanoes. We have also been fortunate that we have an extra day, starting in June, at the wetlands now to do more exploring and going on nature hikes with the Sequoia class. This month we had Finn join our class!!

-Evelyn

Field Trips:

Weekly trips to the wetlands!



Family Notes

With the weather getting warmer, in the afternoon we are going to start having the sprinkler going, it would be a great idea to dress your child, so they are ready to get wet. Thursdays is our nature hike day; I advise that you dress your child in long pants for those days. Sometimes the grass cuts their legs, or they get poked by pokeys outside. Thank you

We've been exploring:

Volcanoes and Dinosaurs
Water Play
Salt Dough Sculptures

Looking forward to:

Numbers and Values
Summer
Expanding Our Knowledge of the Alphabet

Saplings Room

Hello Saplings Families,

The month of June we learned about ants! We got our own and farm and after putting it together, we observed the ants as they made tunnels and carried pieces of food with their strong legs. Just like our Saplings, they are small BUT mighty. We enjoyed making our own ants out of egg cartons and paper towel rolls as we marched to the Ants Go Marching song. It's a long time favorite in our classroom.

In July, we'll be welcoming Felix and Pax to our class. We'll also be learning about sea animals! We're very excited for water play as the weather warms up.

-Cinthia & Adrian

Field Trips:

Weekly trips to the wetlands



Family Notes

-Waters and blankets go home at the end of the week to wash

-Please ensure your Sapling has extra clothes and a blanket, daily

-Summer is here! please ensure your Sapling has sunscreen applied before school and a water bottle (or cup) daily to help stay hydrated

We've been exploring:

Ants

Gardening

Music and Movement

Looking forward to:

Sea Animals

Water Play

Observing Our Garden

Young Sequoia Room

Hello families!

For the month of June our class has been learning about insects! Each week we picked a new insect to learn about. We explored bees, ladybugs, and butterflies! One activity the kids enjoyed was making each insect using different foods as materials. We used apples, almond butter, and raisins to create ladybugs, and cream cheese, strawberries, and blueberries for our butterflies. Another activity the kids had fun with was looking for each insect we were learning about that week. The kids loved finding the butterflies and described them as “colorful” and “fast at flying.”

This month we were also able to go and visit Friendly Grove Park as well as our farm field trip! They had so much fun at the park and did great! They enjoyed getting to play somewhere new and different. The farm field trip was also so much fun. We were able to feed and play with all the animals one last time before summer.

I'd also like to introduce Vicky that will be stepping in for me as I start my maternity leave in July. The kids have been great with her and enjoy having her in the class! I look forward to seeing you guys when I return!

-Sonya & Maria



We've been exploring:

Insects

Weather Changes

Friendship

Looking forward to:

Warm Weather

Harvesting Our Garden

New Friends

Family Notes

Its getting hot! We love water play and sprinklers! Please make sure your child had extra clothes or clothes for water play! Thanks

Sequoia Room

Happy Summer!

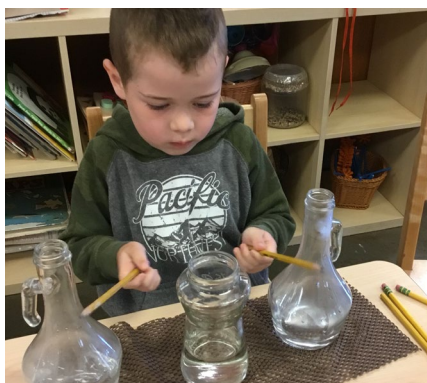
This June has been extra busy and exciting! Kids boarded the mini-Adventure Bus and we traveled to local parks, beaches and trails. Kids enjoyed exploring, climbing trees, dropping rocks into water and finding critters of course. Some of the spots we visited were homes to crabs. Children observed them closely, some even bravely holding these pinchy creatures!

For many months now, the Sequoia students have been working together to tell collaborative stories at lunchtime with Teacher Mike. The words to one of these stories were typed and put into a blank book. Then children drew/painted bumblebees, yellow jackets and bears to illustrate the story. Students were quite proud to contribute to the book and they were very pleased with the final product, wanting to hear it again and again.

Our class has been continuing our learning of music and dance, this time focusing on America. We listened to early jazz, folk and swing. Footage of lindy hoppers and square dancers was shown to the class, then we tried out the moves ourselves. The banjo, the fiddle, and the piano were some of the instruments that we explored. Students used their breath to make music from a jug. Teacher Rabbit (Sara) brought in assorted glass jars and jugs for children to ding with sticks to make different notes. Children experimented on an electric keyboard and a toy piano. We read about marching band instruments, then had a special guest, Calvin (Carlisle's dad) come in to play the trombone for us! He taught us a lot. What a fun experience! Bob, a bagpiper came to the play yard to make music for us. He was all decked out in Scottish garb and he educated us on Scotland. Such a treat!

The Sequoia students that are headed to kindergarten performed a song and dance show for friends and families at the preschool graduation. The junior members of the class helped as well. It felt special to have a celebration get-together. We prepared hanging flag decorations and then we practiced practiced practiced! The graduates seemed very proud.

-Anna & Sara



Family Notes

Please make sure your child has weather appropriate extra clothes in their cubby. Don't forget to take your child's artwork and water bottle home each Friday.

We've been exploring:

Local Parks
Music and Dance
Collaborative Story Telling
and Bookmaking

Looking forward to:

Learning and Plants
Sprinkler Days
Making Fruit Popsicles