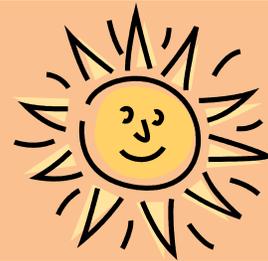


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Upcoming Events

6/16 Father's Day
Breakfast
6/23 PNO
6/26 School-Age
Summer Program Begins



Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear...
Kio
Corban
DJ
Zoe
Simon
Colbie
Teacher Jessi
and Teacher Robin
Happy Birthday to you!

ALT News



Mother's Day Success

What a wonderful celebration of all the moms in our lives at our Mother's Tea. In addition to the memorable performances, it was so nice to see all of our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and even some dads at this special event. We hope that everyone had a good time mingling with other families and enjoyed the refreshments. We love these opportunities to bring our ALT "family" together. Thanks so much for taking the time to join us.



Father's Day Breakfast

We will be honoring the father figures in our lives with our annual pancake and sausage breakfast on Friday, June 16th, from 7am - 9am. We hope you will join us for this special occasion; these events mean so much to your child(ren) and it is our pleasure to do something special for you.

Summer: Schedules, Shoes, and Sunscreen

As we begin our journey into the summer months, we need to remind everyone of a few important things.

First, the school year is coming to an end and our schoolagers will be done June 23rd. Our summer program will begin the week of June 26th. We have three field trips scheduled for each

week and plenty of cooking, science and arts and crafts projects planned. Children are sure to have a blast!

For those families that will be leaving for the summer months and/or have vacations planned, please let the front desk know of your schedule changes. This is often a time when staff want to take some time off to be with their families, and we want to make sure that we are staffed appropriately.

Second, even though the first thing we want to do when the weather gets nice is break out the sandals and flip flops, we want to remind you that these are not safe for climbing, running, and playing in bark chips. While flip flops are not allowed at daycare, proper sandals are okay. Please just make sure they are sturdy and that they have a back to them. Remember, however, that they can still get bark chips in them and be a hassle to play in. Tennis shoes are always the favored choice.

Finally, as the weather continues to get warmer, we need to start thinking about sunscreen. We encourage families to apply sunscreen to your child(ren) prior to drop off and then we will reapply in the afternoon. Just make sure you have filled out a current authorization form and bring in a bottle of sunscreen with your child's name on it. We will store them up and out of reach of children, PLEASE DO NOT leave it in your child's bag. Additionally, we cannot use the aerosol spray cans of sunscreen. If you have more than one child, if possible, please bring a bottle for each child.

Snuggle Bunnies loved by Denae & Courtney

Welcome to summer Snuggle Bunny families. We are ready for the sunshine! Olivia O'Kane is our newest bunny to the class. Marcus and Aurora are officially on the move crawling from one side of the room to the other side of the room. Gideon has mastered walking. He is all over the classroom, destination to destination, laughing and clapping his hands! Gideon is officially moving up this month. We sure are going to miss his smiling face but are excited to see him grow in the wobbler room. Arlo is busy rolling over all while playing on the activity mat. Tobin and Jax are into the balls rolling them around the floor and seeing how far they can go, while smiling and enjoying each other's company. Nazir has started eating solid food. He is very proud of that. Zamir is always excited, watching all the action of the room. He is enjoying the bouncy ultra saucer the most smiling all while bouncing away. The art project for the month is *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We are going to have a great start to the summer.



Wobbly Lambs loved by Jan & Tracy

Summer is coming this month! Fun outside time is going to be an everyday occurrence. Please bring us shoes that will stay on while we are playing. If you put us in shorts, make sure they can cover our little knees as we spend a lot of time down playing in the bark chips, which can be pokey. Summer time is all about learning through play. We also love being refreshed with a spray bottle of water. We are learning to climb and slide like our neighbors (aka toddlers).

We got a new kitchen and things to practice cooking and serving. We love all of our new things that Teacher Tracy donated to our class. We have been hearing a lot of new words from our friends. Soon we will all be talking. We still use our signs too. It helps us to communicate.

This month we will be welcoming Gideon while saying see ya later to Alex, Cassius, and Brooke who are moving up to todds. Our month will be filled with play and fun. We will practice our numbers and our colors. We use blocks to help us count and separate colors. We also have special felt shapes we can put on the wall. We have been using water colors to learn how colors can mix and become different. We have made some flowers from our paint practice, and as soon as everyone gets a turn, we will put them up for you to see.

Tiger Cubs I loved by Reanna & Deena

Summer is finally here! May had its fair share of rain and cool weather but it looks like the sun is going to stick around this time. We have already had some days that were warm enough to do outside water play, which is always a favorite toddler time. Meanwhile, our plants have started doing really well outside. The kids love seeing how different they look, week to week and helping water them. In June we will be welcoming Alex, Cassius, and Brooke from the wobbler

room. That will shift some of our older ones to the other side. It's always fun to have a new group of kids join us, even though these three have been visiting a fair amount.

In May, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with homemade Mexican rice and churro chips which were both a very big hit! We also focused on planting and bugs. Our lady bug cookies were quite a project. June is going to be all about camping adventures and learning about

the ocean and all its creatures great and small. We'll also practice the numbers 7, 8, 9, and 10, the letters V, W, X, and Y, and the colors blue, purple, pink, and brown. As some of our class is getting bigger and bigger, some are showing signs of being ready for potty training. Please let us know if you are beginning the process at home so we can do the same here at school.

Let summer begin!

Tiger Cubs II loved by Abby & Chela

For the month of May we made it outside as often as possible! A lot of our focus went to hunting for bugs in the bark chips, we have only found a few worms and spiders to date. We also watched as our friends Carter, Oskar, Aiden, and Jon started visiting preschool. Some of us are better about bouncing back and forth than others, but we will all take turns visiting as we prepare to officially move up in the next couple months. We had a lot of fun painting, reading and exercising. This past month, we reviewed letters S, T, U, and V while making sombreros and snakes, painting turtles, using umbrellas, and practicing our veterinary skills. We also did a ton of cooking all thanks to Chela!

Next month for June, we'll make wind socks and learn about the weather. We'll then start looking under seas at different plants and animals, and find out what things float and what things don't! We'll also practice our Spanish, numbers 7, 8, 9 and 10 and letters W, X, Y, and Z. We'll continue working on potty training and would like to thank parents for dressing our pottiers in easy to use clothing. We all look forward to a fun start to the summer!

Fuzzy Ducks loved by Deby, Kierra, Briana & Stacey

We started out the month of May with Cinco de Mayo. We did some taco art and made sombrero cookies.

Then we were onto learning about birds. Where they live and what they eat. We painted with feathers and made toilet paper tube bird feeders. Bugs theme was a big hit. We searched for bugs, tried to make gummy worms dance (that failed) but it was fun trying. We also painted ladybugs. We wrapped up the month with flowers. We went on a walk and found some pretty flowers. We also painted with forks to make flowers.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Mother's Day Tea. It's always a crazy, fun time.

June is already here. Let the summer fun begin. Let's start with the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday, June 16th. All dads should join us for breakfast with your little ones. We are going to learn about gardens. How do things grow? What do seeds look like? We will learn about the shape circle, paint with paper cups, find circles in the classroom, do a bubble gum craft and also learn a circle song.

Frogs are teacher Deby's favorite. We will paint frogs, glue frogs on lily pads, make frog headbands, and see who can jump the farthest. Where do frogs live? What do they eat? So much to learn!

Finally, the zoo. We will paint with zoo animals, make a striped zebra and find out who lives at the zoo? We will make a paper plate tiger, make animal cracker cages, and paint an elephant.

We will take plenty of walks and spend time outside. Please make sure your child's extra clothes are weather appropriate.

Bouncy Bears loved by Hanna, Lissette & Joy

Boy was May a busy month in the Jr K classroom! We were preparing for Mother's Day, playing with play-dough, discovering the butterfly life cycle, enjoying the outdoors, and learning new circle time songs that Teacher Joy has been teaching us! We had so much fun working on projects to spoil our moms! The teachers in the building enjoyed the extras too (chocolate covered

strawberries)! We also practiced so hard for the performance and really performed well! We were sure proud of our hard work. Teacher Hanna also got us some caterpillars that we watched progress through their life cycle. What fun! Finally, we played with play-dough. We are a creative bunch and had a lot of fun turning the play-dough into all sorts of different stuff.

Looking ahead to June, we will continue to play outside. We really enjoy our outside time to stretch our legs and run and jump. Maybe we will get to play with water? Or continue making sensory items? We will be excited to see what Teacher Hanna has planned for us!

Kangaroos loved by Ru

Wow that month flew by! How are we already preparing for June? We started off the month continuing our bug studies which had us writing and drawing bugs and even practicing subtraction with some word problems. We then moved on to Mother's Day and were hard at work practicing for our performance and making our gifts. We finished off the month with some dinosaur fun and discovered our love for listening to stories on CD! Our teacher loves turning on a story and watching our faces as we stare, completely engaged at the story. What fun!

In June, we will tackle a few skills that will really prepare us for kindergarten. Hopefully by the end of the month, everyone will be able to count to 20 and write numbers from 1-10. While we have our first and last names pretty much mastered, being able to write numbers 1-10 and count to 20 will really put us ahead of the game in the fall. We may even get to create the pattern on our calendar and lead circle time and start learning to count by 10's! We will also start to take more walks to prepare us for the summer when we will be out with the school-

agers on field trips three days a week. Being out of the building brings a whole new set of responsibilities as we have to be alert, pay attention, and listen! We tend to get a little distracted so we will practice walking in a buddy line and staying together and alert. Just like anything else, practice will make perfect. With the weather getting nice as well, we will look for opportunities to take our activities outside. Can we play a card game at the tables? What about taking our pencil and paper up on the play structure to practice our writing? It will be a fun and busy month, that's for sure!

Panthers loved by Robin, Paige & Shirley

We school-agers are excited that summer is right around the corner. Now is the time to bring a change of clothes for water fun. Teachers have been known to spray us with water on a hot, hot day!

Teachers and us kids hope you all enjoyed our Mother's Day Tea. The other classrooms came into our class and practiced for those of us with younger brothers or sisters, it was exciting to see. Teacher Paige is leaving us the beginning of this month. We will miss her and all of her hard work. She had some great ideas and will

be missed a lot. Thank you Teacher Paige!

Next month we will be doing kite flying, piñata making, water fun, walks to the field, and top secret Father's Day present making. One yummy project will be making frozen bananas dipped in chocolate. Woohoo! We will also be making slime, as well as kool-aid play-dough. We will also of course start our summer program which means field trips three days a week - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and swimming on Mondays. If you haven't already received one, please ask for a

summer program packet from the front desk. This has a lot of information in it including each field trip and its' cost, the menu for the summer, the permission slip and sunscreen waiver, and some general rules and suggestions. Please feel free to go over this with your children! When we are in the building, our teachers will have some great projects planned for us that follow along with our weekly themes. Arts and crafts will be an all-time favorite as well. Bring on summer!

Just For Fun

Home Depot Kids Workshop

When: First Sat., 9-12pm

Where: Various Home Depot Locations
Description: Free, monthly hands-on, "how-to" craft* workshops designed for kids ages 5-12.

06/03 Tic Tac Toe Game

Lakeshore Learning

When: Every Sat, 11am -3pm

Where: Lakeshore Learning Store, 16901 SW 65th Ave., Lake Oswego

Description: FREE fun craft activities for ages 3+

Information: 503-620-9888 or lakeshorelearning.com.

06/03 Hoppin' Froggy Friend

06/10 My Pet Parrot!

06/17 Dad's Day Craft-Stick Card

06/24 Under the Sea! Fishbowl

\$4 Zoo Second Tuesday

When: Tue. June 13th, 10am - 4pm

Where: Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Rd. Portland, OR 97221

Description: Enjoy all of the fun wildlife and adventure at the Oregon Zoo for a fraction of the cost with \$4 admission per person. Children 2 and under are, as always, admitted free of charge. Ride transit and receive an additional \$1.50 off with proof of ridership. There is a fee for parking as well.

Wondrous Wednesdays

When: Wed. June 7th 10am - 5pm

Where: World Forestry Center
 4033 SW Canyon

Description: Tour the World Forestry Center for the discounted price of \$3 per person. Ride the wet-free rapids, try your smoke jumping skills, and discover interesting things about forests all over the world. There is a fee for parking as well.

Second Saturday at WREC

When: Sat. June 10th, 1pm - 3pm

Where: Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way

Description: Second Saturdays at the Water Resources Education Center are not only fun, they're free! Each second Saturday of the month, from 1 to 3 p.m., kids and their families are invited to explore a different topic through hands-on activities, games and stories.

June: National Get Outdoors Day

The Water Center's regular June Second Saturday will celebrate National Get Outdoors Day at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. Enjoy a fun-filled day of activities to help get you and your family outdoors! Attend National Get Outdoors Day from 10am to 3pm on Saturday, June 10, at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, 612 E Reserve St. Vancouver, Washington

\$2 Days at OMSI

When: First Sun. of every month,

06/04

Where: OMSI

1945 SE Water St., Portland, OR 97214

Description: Enjoy discounted \$2 admission to OMSI.

Guided Nature Hike

When: Saturdays, 10-11:30am

Where: Tyron Creek Park
 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd.

Description: Free guided nature hikes exploring the forest and stream ecosystems and natural history at Tryon Creek State Natural Area. Topics will vary from week to week but will be appropriate for all ages. Parents must accompany kids on all hikes. **No pre-registration required.** For more specific information or if bringing groups larger than 10, call (503) 636-9886 ext. 225.

06/03 Slugs: More than Slime

06/10 Amazing Amphibians

06/17 A Story of Stumps: Tryon Creek History

06/24 Woodpeckers: Builders in the Forest

Check out these great sources for more family fun activities...

Multnomah County Library

<https://multcolib.org/events/programs>

Vancouver Family Magazine

www.vancouverfamilymagazine.com/calendar.html

PDX Kids Calendar

<http://www.pdxkidscalendar.com/summer-fun-events/>