Parkside Post



We welcomed the Summer Solstice with a fun spirit week and the Summer Party! Pj's, monsters, hats and more, but the summer party had bubbles galore!

We love to be able to provide opportunities for parents to get involved in their children's care at Parkside. One of the ways we try to make that possible is by hosting events where we welcome families in to play and have the opportunity to meet and talk with each other. Don't worry - If you were busy during this event make plans to come to Fall Fest!

Aside from events we welcome families to join us in the classroom as well! We've had families join us in gardening, reading books, playing instruments, and even full on dance parties around the playground! Feel free to coordinate something with your child's teacher!





This month we've focused on being sure to succession plant with the Three Sisters! We planted corn first back in May and planted beans a few weeks ago, and this week we

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will be planting squash. Mother Nature gave us lots of rain the last couple months, so we're getting used to a consistent watering schedule.

However, what is growing in the big garden is doing great! If you take a peek out on the big kid playground you can see tomatoes, mums, squash, and sunflowers growing in their various planters and mini garden box. Fawn and Luna are even enjoying some pumpkin growing in their pen.

If you or anyone you know has small planters or tomato and pepper seedlings they do not want, our Farm & Garden Program would appreciate it! Happy planting! `r' <3Kaylee

Important Dates

July 4 - CLOSED for Independence Day July 11 - Early Out CLOSE at 5pm July 12 - Parents' Night Out 3-7pm July 22 - Miss Kayla's 1-Year Work-aversary









Our international meal this month is Kuku Paka, a chicken and coconut based curry popular along the East African Coast. While char-grilling the chicken is what gives this dish its signature taste, we are unfortunately limited in our ability to have an open flame and hot coals at school! Even so, students will be able to explore and discuss a new, to them, flavor profile. Our classrooms utilize "family style" dining in which teachers sit with students and encourage everyone to serve themselves. During meals we have discussions about the food; tastes, smells, looks, sounds and feels! This is a wonderful time to grow children's vocabularies, bond with each other, and develop healthy eating habits.

If you have a region of the world you'd like to see featured on the menu, or a family recipe you'd like to share, please reach out at parksidekitchen20@gmail.com.

Cameo's Kitchen Corner

Happy Birthday!

-Chef Cameo 🐺 🌈 🥊

We love birthdays!

For privacy, birthdays are hidden when posted online.



Raution Busy at Play 4.1

As we've been spending more time outside, we have also been playing in the water! Be on the lookout for messages from your child's teachers. It is common that we have scheduled water days at least once a week - sometimes more - and there is a little bit more laundry and backpack restocks that are necessary when this happens!

July is the last full month of our school year. As we approach August you can expect your kiddos to be visiting their new indoor and outdoor spaces, and having conversations about the upcoming change!

Babies

Our babies are looking more and more like Waddlers every day! It is so exciting to see them grow and learn new things as they become more aware of the world around them. They've discovered the world beyond the porch and have started waving at cars



and people as they pass by. Whiskers has also been visiting babies quite a bit! Both babies and doggo are enjoying the quality time hanging out!



Waddlers have also had some animal adventures in the last few weeks! They have been bringing the Farm Program to them quite literally... Miss Kaylee brought a chicken to their playground, and let it hang out on their ramp while kiddos took turns visiting it. How cool! Our Waddler friends have also had fun with some new fine motor and coordination activities that involve some new water toys! 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

What's the scoop?



Toddlers

If you've passed through Toddlers lately then you've probably been greeted with a bug, a yummy dish from the sandbox or a "Look at this!" while they show off their amazing skills. They also can't wait to be on the other side of the fence in their new

class! New friendships have been forming through the fence in anticipation of being with the kiddos in the current Juniors class in the new school year!

While we've seen a bunch of special friendships forming we've also see such a variety of beautiful artwork! Our Junior friends have been interested in watercolor and play dough recently. The teachers have put some books in the art area that show step by step instructions to draw things and the kiddos have been loving it!





Pre-K

While our time with the Pre-K kiddos gets smaller and smaller, every single moment is being thoroughly enjoyed. Park days, water days, laughs and giggles - they, and we, are holding on to every bit of it! The Pre-K



kiddos are also very invested in the care of the baby chicks that hatched in June. They have named a few of them and check on them multiple times a day.

