



FOOTSTEPS@NESBIT PUMA CUBS JUNE 2017 - NEWSLETTER VOL. 32



CALENDAR – JUNE & JULY

Site Council Meeting

Wednesday 6/21 5:15-6:00 PM

Pre-K Park Trip – Alexander Park

Friday 6/10 10:00 AM-12:30PM

Pre-Kindergarten Graduation Day

Friday 6/9 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

June PNO

Friday 6/16 6:00-11:00 PM

Independence Day

Footsteps Child Care Closed

Tuesday, 7/4

THIS MONTH NEWS!

PUMA CUBS MURAL IS FINISHED!!!

The entrance of Puma Cubs Preschool is more welcoming with the installation of a large colorful mural, completed by artist, Florence deBretagne!

The mural has a native California theme with trees, plants, animals, and insects



Painted in bright colors, taken from the drawings by Footsteps children throughout the organization. A grant from The Norman & Joan Kinsey Foundation generously helped to fund this project.



Infant Toddler



June has arrived and the children are anxious to learn about everything Under the Sea! It will be a fun month of sensory projects as the children learn about fish and sea creatures, with lots of water play, which the little ones love! As the weather continues to heat up we will continue to stay safe in the sun with regular sunscreen applications and plenty of sippy cups with water to stay hydrated.

Outside playtime is their all-time favorite, so this summer our infants and toddlers are ready for ya!





Preschool

In June, the children will explore the theme of “Mud,” with mud painting and muddy handprints, mud play dough, and dirt dough. The children will make worm tracks with yarn on paper and will make muddy animals’ special snack. They will also make frozen yogurt bites and homemade soft pretzels. The

children will have the opportunity to paint rocks, paint with sticks, and make sand foam.



Pre-Kindergarten

June is all about Sensory Play. The children will make squishy sensory bags, build shaving cream blocks, and learn all about the sense of touch. To get more involved with our sense of touch, we will get messy making slime, dyed spaghetti, soapy sea foam, and much, much more...



UPCOMING SITE EVENTS

PUMA CUBS FAMILY GET TOGETHER

Saturday June 3 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Alexander Park 409 Yorkshire Way, Belmont, CA 94002

A wonderful opportunity to let the children play at the park and for parents/teachers to meet and mingle! Please pack a lunch and something to share!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION Friday June 10 10:00 AM-12:00 AM

Our ceremony will take place on the back playground at 10:00 AM SHARP! We are asking children to dress up for the event, girls in pastel colors and boys with a white shirt and khaki pants. Footsteps will provide graduation caps (please be sure you do not take these home). Children will receive a tassel that is theirs to take home and keep. Footsteps will provide light snacks and refreshments after the ceremony to celebrate this accomplishment.

TRIKE-A-THON UPDATE

Our TRIKE-A-THON was a hit and our children and families raised \$1,710 dollars for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital! We are so thankful for your donations and support in our effort to give back to others!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This month we spotlight **Teacher Mimi!** She has taken her last two classes this semester and is now a fully qualified Preschool Teacher! We are happy to have her on board at Puma Cubs! Thank you Mimi for all you do for the Preschool classroom and the site overall!



LAST MONTH'S CLASSROOM NEWS



Infant/Toddler

May was a marvelous month! **Talia** and **Jackson** officially transitioned to the toddler room and they are very excited about it! We were sad to see **Ishaan** go but he is enjoying all his new friends in the preschool room. We also welcomed the newest addition to our Infant classroom Baby **Kai**. He is 4 months old and adjusting very well. Baby **Sylvan** is loving his solid foods and **Anya**



and **Hunter** adore him and when it's time for his bottle they love to help! **Xander** just turned one and is walking everywhere! He has a wonderful time hanging out with the toddlers and eating at snack and lunchtime with them. As we learned, all about our community helpers the children had a great time visiting our local Post Office to learn about how mail travels from sender to receiver. The special part of the trip - They each put a handmade card into the mailbox for their Mom, right in time for Mother's Day!



Preschool

May was Plants and Flowers. **Zara**, **Chase**, and **Callie** were excited to share what plants need to grow. All the children planted lima beans in water, moistened with cotton balls, and **Logan's** grew well. **Sylvie** and **Ishaan** loved the strawberry banana muffins the children made. **Alana** loved stirring the ingredients together to make our yummy muffins. **Brady** and **Avery** enjoyed making beautiful handprint flowers. **Joanna** and **Kaden** loved making flower collages using a variety of fabric flower pieces. The children were excited for the visit from the librarian. She read a book to the children and gave each of them a book to take home. **Ishaan** became an official preschooler in the beginning of May, **Tobrian** is now officially in



the Pre-K classroom, and we said good-bye to **Ryker**, he and his family are moving to South Lake Tahoe.

Pre-Kindergarten

May was Transportation as we made and talked about different types of transportation: air, land, and water.

- For air transportation, we made origami airplanes and the children tested their airplanes through a relay race. Some airplanes were shaped long and some were shaped short, but all airplanes flew around the yard.



- Land transportation, we made racecars out of toilet paper rolls. The children painted and designed the toilet paper rolls for the vehicle body. We used bottle caps for the tires. The children had fun playing with their racecar creations.
- Water transportation, we made sail boats from paper plates. The children designed their boats with markers and used craft papers for the



sails. A couple of children made pirate ships!

Librarian Michelle visited the class. She talked about the summer programs and gave each child a book to start their summer reading! The children loved their books so much they read them right before naptime.

On May 23, we walked to the train station. Snack was served while we enjoyed the nice weather and a view of the trains. The children talked about their experiences riding on the trains with their family. We had a grand shot of the children's smiling faces when the trains stopped at the station.

On May 26, we held our Drive-In theatre and showed the movie, *Moana*, Thank you Leila for sharing your movie with us!

We are so thankful to have both Teacher Janette and Teacher Hannah helping us this month. They have been great with the children.

We also want to welcome **Tobrian** to Pre-K, he transitioned well, and the children were very welcoming.



SPECIALIST SCHEDULE/HIGHLIGHTS

During summer, we will not have Teacher Ying, Teacher Janette, or Teacher Adrian visiting our preschools. They will run full day school age camps. We are looking forward to their return in September!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Every classroom has finished their conferences! If you did not have the opportunity to meet with a teacher about your child, please speak to your child's teacher right away to arrange a conference time. We will contact these families ASAP to set a time to meet with their child's teacher. It is important for families to have the opportunity to discuss their child's growth and development.

LEARNING GENIE MOBILE APP/CHILD ASSESSMENTS/DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS

Learning Genie is up and running! Many parents in Preschool and PreK are excited to be on board with this tool!

In place of receiving hard copies of Child Assessments and Portfolios, upon exiting Footsteps@Nesbit Puma Cubs, families will receive a USB drive with your child's portfolio and information from the Learning Genie App.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Please remember to pack your child a nutritious lunch!

- We no longer heat up lunches in the In the Preschool and PreK classrooms. We suggest families to bring foods they want to be warm in a thermos container where they can stay warm until lunchtime for your child!
- All of our classrooms have refrigerators for those items that need to stay extra cold, please remember if you put your child's food in there that it is labeled with the date and your child's name.
- If lunch is in a home container, please date and label it based on the contents inside. These are licensing regulations and are required throughout our site.



SITE COUNCIL NOTES

We are holding meetings in the PreK classroom the third Wednesday of the month at 5:15 PM. All are welcome to attend the meetings and we are looking for some new parents to help! This is a once a month commitment to help Puma Cubs come together and create a wonderful environment for the children. We are also looking for a PreK room parent and a Preschool family room parent.

REMINDERS

Sunscreen & Hats

- Please apply sunscreen before coming to school. Reapplication will happen throughout the day
- Send your child with a hat; we spend lots of time

outdoors during the day

Footwear

Proper footwear is important so that your children may fully participate in both indoor and outdoor activities. Tennis shoes are preferred footwear for all children and youth.

The following footwear is not allowed: Flip Flops, Crocs/Croc-type shoes, Shoes with heels, or Sandals without straps at the back of the foot.

Clothing

We want children to feel comfortable to participate in all activities offered, so please dress your child accordingly. Our programs are play-based; we want the children to feel free to participate, even our Infants and Toddlers@ Please have your child wear play clothing appropriate for a variety of activities, indoors, outdoors and activities that get messy. All clothing must be labeled with your *child's* full name. Please send an extra set of clothing to keep in their cubby.

