



# FOOTSTEPS@NESBIT PUMA CUBS JULY 2018 - NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR – JULY & AUGUST

Site Council Meeting  
No Meeting until August

June Parent's Night Out  
Friday, 7/20 6:00-11:00 PM

Footsteps Professional Development Days  
Monday 8/20 & Tuesday 8/21  
Footsteps Child Care Closed

Labor Day  
Monday 9/3  
Footsteps Child Care Closed

### THIS MONTH NEWS!

#### Infant/Toddler

**July is Zoo Animals**, with cooking projects such as polar bear paws cookies, bunny sandwiches, and polar bear pancakes. We will also do a melting ice project and make fake snow for the arctic animals. We will be very busy this month.

#### Preschool



**We will explore the Great Outdoors!** We have nature walks, footprint sandals, rock painting, bear hunt, scavenger hunt, and a muddy car wash planned.

We will spend a significant amount of time outside and would like to remind parents to please apply sunscreen every morning, as well as pack extra clothes for their children.

#### Pre-Kindergarten

The children so enjoyed our "trip" to Hawaii last month, it inspired our theme, **World Travel**. We will "visit" and explore North America, South America, Europe, China, India, South Africa and finally, Israel. We will navigate on our U.S. map how many connecting states there are and add Hawaii and Alaska. On our world map we will explore where in the world these other countries are, experiment with local cuisine and learn some vocabulary from each place we visit.



## LAST MONTH'S CLASSROOM NEWS

### Infant/Toddler

Unfortunately, we say "good bye" to all the farm animals. Children created their own farm scenes with stickers on paper, we made beautiful prints with the children's feet and handprints, and we used paper plates to create farm animals such as cows, horses, and sheep. We had circle times related to the farm animals. Children imitated animal sounds, did singing, and we read "Old MacDonald Had A Farm," pretending to be a farmer by wearing the farmer hat. Children spent time in the garden morning and afternoon. The children did grouping and counting activities and sorting colors of different shapes and objects to increase their cognitive and motor skills. For science, we froze farm animals.



### Preschool

In June, we had a wonderful time exploring **Under The Sea** and all the creatures. We did water sensory activities with sea animals and shells. We made our own kinetic sand and sparkly ocean slime. We took walks to Alexander Park and enjoyed playing in the Nesbit Kindergarten playground since school is out. We said goodbye to our friends **Kailash** and **Joanna** as they moved on to Pre-K and we welcome two new students to the preschool room, **Gabrielle** and **Riley**.

### Pre-Kindergarten

The last few weeks have been so busy and exciting! We welcomed friends from our preschool room and will sadly say goodbye to others this month. **Jamie, Daniel, Elliot, Mia, Sienna, Isaac, Zara, Anneke, Maddie,**

**Guy, Anais, and Brady**, the Pre-K Teachers wish you well on your summer adventure whether it is going to camp, traveling, or enjoying a staycation at home before you are off to a wonderful new school year as a kindergartener.

Graduation Day was both meaningful, happy and sad at the same time as some of our graduates have been in the Footsteps program since preschool or infancy.

Thank you to Teacher Lori for her kind words, Teacher Jenn for providing the food for the reception and Teacher Cnotra for helping us to set up.





## REMINDERS

- **Dress your children accordingly, the weather is getting warmer!** We go outside as much as the weather permits. It is a good time to check the extra clothing in your child's cubbie and make sure there is a change of clothing and it still fits.
- We want children to feel comfortable to participate in all activities offered, so please dress your child accordingly. The following **footwear is not allowed:** Flip Flops, Crocs/Croc-type shoes, or Sandals without straps at the back of the foot.
- We would also like to remind parents pick up your child's art every Friday, the children have worked hard to learn new skills and create special works, and they want to share them with their family!
- One stuffed animal is okay for rest or naptime.
- Please make sure to check your child's cubby DAILY for dirty clothes and avoid over filling your child's cubby with their belongings; children cannot find their essentials throughout the day.
- If your child has a contagious or communicable illness, please let the school know immediately so we can post the proper exposure notices for the rest of the families in a timely manner.
- Please remember to take home your child's blankets and other naptime items on Fridays to launder them over the weekend.
- **Please remember, Wednesday is Share Day in Preschool and Pre-K.** It does not have to be a toy; it can be a book, a photo, drawing, etc. Share item is placed in the Share Box upon arrival and is picked up from the Share Box upon departure.
- Toys should not be brought to school as they are a distraction for everyone, and risk to being lost or broken, only okay on Wednesday for Share Day.

