



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**

7th -- Tyler B.  
 18th -- Warren W.  
 31st -- Maddie S.



## Whew! It's August!

Happy August everyone -- we made it! And now it is time to start thinking about returning to school – whatever that may look like this year.

As I write this, I still don't know for sure what the local school districts are deciding, but we do know that school will not be the same as it has been in years past. Regardless of our feelings on in-person vs. remote learning, one thing I think we can all agree on is that we each want what is best for our children, and that looks different for different families. Some feel home schooling is a good fit for this year, while others want full in-person instruction for their children – and both of those options are good ones! The bottom line is that whatever is decided by our school boards and you and your families, we all have the same end game in sight – what is best for the children. No one decision is best for everyone. People are making decisions on what they feel is best right now at this moment, and let's face it, it's tough to know what "right" is. Let's move forward this month with an open mind, not only to the changes that are happening in our school districts and childcare centers, but to respecting everyone – from our school boards, administrators, teachers and neighbors – and the decisions they

make. Navigating this world is difficult at best right now and what we all need the most is support and encouragement.

August will look different here at Kid Country as well. The local schools have delayed their start date, so our typical "move up" schedule is being adjusted too. Our current plans are to move children into their new classrooms beginning the week of August 31. We also will not be able to host Parent Orientation Nights, so we are currently working on some different ways to introduce you to the new classrooms – so be on the lookout for more information about that!

One thing that is still happening is our new playground build! This will happen on Saturday, September 12 and we need all the help we can get! If you are not currently on our volunteer list, we would love it if you could give us some time that day! This will mark the culmination of amazing parent fundraising and I cannot wait to see the new playground equipment in use!

As we continue to navigate this "new" world, I know I'm looking forward to the 2020-21 school year with your children! Whatever it looks like!

*Donna*

# YELLOW DUCKS ORANGE OWLS

The month of July flew by in the Yellow Duck classroom! It was full of new activities, lots of outdoor experiences and new skills. As part of the Kid Country summer program, special activities were planned to spice up our routines. The Yellow Ducks were able to enjoy a special guest for story time, chalk day, craft day, and a water day. These experiences were not only fun for the children but an exciting way to exercise and assist in the development of motor skills, social skills, and emotional skills. The collaboration of the skills is important for whole body developmental skills. As the Yellow Ducks continue to establish life and developmental skills, the teachers will continue to support the growth of the whole child.

In addition to accomplishing mobile, strength, and cognitive milestones the Yellow Ducks have been working hard with self-feeding. In preparation for the transition to the Purple Parrots classroom the children will become more comfortable with feeding themselves. We begin by placing small amounts of food on their tray, as they master the skill of placing the food into their

mouths. Next we add a bowl to become acquainted with, and then finally the addition of an eating utensil. These steps allow the children to gradually develop the skills of grasping patterns, hand-eye coordination, refining sensory processing skills, oral motor skills and overall independence. The Yellow Duck teachers always find this time in development as bittersweet -- we are so excited to observe as they become toddlers but also sad they will be moving up to the Purple Parrots classroom.

Overall, the Yellow Ducks had a great month of July filled with memories and messy mealtimes. We cannot wait to see what the month of August will bring especially with our new members joining. Miss Emily and Miss Wendy



The Orange Owls were able to try their hands at a variety of things this month. They became artists as they designed and painted their colorful birdhouses. We then went on an epic bike adventure to the soccer fields where we were able to race down the

bike path and try out our hopping skills during our bag races. One of our favorite activities was Yoga Day. On this day we not only were able to re-center and push our balancing skills, we were able to encourage our

classmates, help one another and learn and grow together through movement. We closed out our month by becoming pastry decorators with our cookie day! Each Owl had full artistic freedom with their cookie creations. Some of the outcomes were nothing short of amazing!

Miss Bailey, Miss Molly and Miss Donna K.

## GREEN FROGS

July was a great month for the Frogs as more and more of us joined from home! We enjoyed several "special event" days that make our days together even more fun!

One of the Green Frogs favorite summer hobbies is taking care of the garden outside. We finally are reaping what we sow as we get to pick many cherry tomatoes, cucumbers and green peppers and share them with the families at Kid Country! Make sure to look for the basket at the front door and take some veggies home to enjoy!

Even though the Frogs regularly practice yoga, Miss Fran taught us even more poses

and we enjoyed ourselves so much! We used chairs for some of the poses to help us balance, and we make animal noises to go along with the poses.

The Frogs also worked on building their own personal garden in the classroom. They each chose a vegetable or fruit and planted seeds, added a sun, raindrops, worms and the plant. Through this process, they learned all about what it takes to grow a successful garden, and their gardens look great!

We look forward to what next month brings us! Miss Fran and Miss Eileen



# PURPLE PARROTS

The Purple Parrots cannot believe summer is already coming to an end! We spent the month learning all about camping. Some of the fun activities we enjoyed were marshmallow painting, creating lanterns, star stamping, and enjoying a fun camping treat called "s'mores cookie" that the toddlers baked themselves. The toddlers used their sensory, fine motor, and color recognition skills to complete these activities. While baking our special treat the toddlers and their teachers had a conversation on the steps it took to create the delicious snack. During this time, new vocabulary and taking turns were lessons that were taken away from this activity.

The Parrots enjoyed the fun summer activities that Kid Country had planned throughout the summer. These activities included birdhouse painting, yoga day, chalk day, art day, bike day, and cookie day! The toddlers were able to explore the world around them with their friends all while having fun! Some of these activities allowed the toddlers to get messy, enhance their developmental skills, and engage in meaningful conversation.

The toddlers cannot wait for the last fun week of activities. We are sad summer is coming to an end but also excited to see what the new school year will hold for us! We want to say thank you to all the parents for being understanding and joining us for the journey we called Summer 2020! Miss Victoria, Miss Kathy and Miss Leslie



# RED ROBINS

The Red Robins had a fun filled month of July! To start the month the Robins transformed the classroom to look like we were under the sea! The Robins used their fine motor skills in making cheerio starfish. They also worked extremely hard creating hermit crabs and designing their own flip-flops!

The month of July also brought us special summer activities. The Robins really enjoyed bringing their own bikes from home for bike day. Painting their very own bird houses was also another favorite for the Robins. Each of them picked out what colors they wanted to paint their bird houses. The Robins loved having water days with their friends and getting soaking wet to cool off in the hot summer weather. To cool off inside we had a relaxing day of yoga that Ms. Fran planned. They liked listening to stories about yoga and then trying out the moves themselves! To wrap up the month the Robins created their very own mural on a canvas using paint and tape with the letter of their first name. The Robins also enjoyed a special cookie making day! They each got their own kit with plain cookies and icing to decorate!

We have had a blast this past year with the Red Robins even though we were cut short a few months. We wish them all the best for the next year and becoming big Green Frogs! Miss Krista, Miss Jenna and Miss Emily S.



# Blue Dolphins

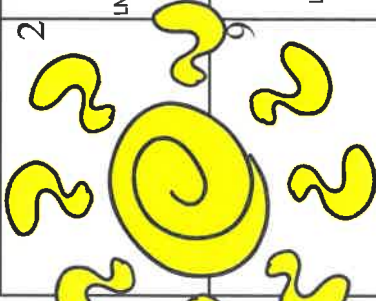
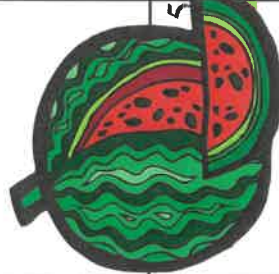
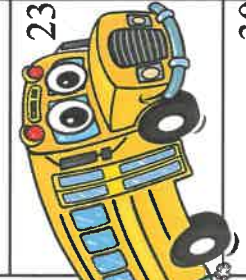

The Dolphins have been enjoying their summer, even with all the changes they have encountered. We have continued traveling the world and learning about all different countries, visiting Africa, France, Brazil and Egypt this month. Each corner of the classroom has a different feel to it, reflecting the country we are talking about. You can find the Amazon rainforest in one corner, with all the animals camouflaged within the tree. In another corner there is the African sunset with lions, elephants and monkeys roaming about and Eiffel towers in

yet another.

The Dolphins have also tried many different foods this month, getting a taste of what these countries offer, along with playing the traditional games the children play. The Dolphins have also been enjoying some new summer activities such as painting a birdhouse, scratch art, decorating cookies, endless water days and biking to the soccer field. It has been a fun filled summer that we don't want to end! Miss Rhonda and Miss Stephanie

# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	<p>2</p> <p>SN: Cheese Its, pears LN: Chicken strips, peas, peaches, milk SN: Pretzels, pineapple</p>	<p>3</p> <p>SN: Goldfish, peaches LN: Fish sticks, green beans, pears, milk SN: Oyster crackers, mixed fruit</p>	<p>4</p> <p>SN: Animal crackers, yogurt LN: Turkey sandwich, peaches, carrots, milk SN: Chex mix, mixed fruit</p>	<p>5</p> <p>SN: Animal crackers, yogurt LN: Pizza, green beans, peaches, milk SN: Cereal, milk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>SN: Cheese Its, apples LN: Pizza, green beans, peaches, milk SN: Cereal, milk</p>	<p>7</p> <p>SN: Animal crackers, mandarin oranges LN: Cheese tortellini, peas, mixed fruit, milk SN: Popcorn, canteloupe</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>EAM: Grapes, milk SN: Peaches, oyster crackers LN: Corn dogs, carrots, pears, milk SN: Chex mix, pineapple</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Early AM: Fig newtons, milk SN: Grapes, pretzels LN: French toast sticks, cucumbers, peaches, milk SN: Fig newtons, apples</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Early AM: Bananas, milk SN: Applesauce, oyster crackers LN: Sloppy joe w/bun, peas &amp; carrots, pears, milk SN: Animal crackers, grapes</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Early AM: Bagels, milk SN: Cheez Its, grapes LN: Tomato noodle soup, cheese cubes, green beans, mixed fruit, milk SN: Goldfish, peaches</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Early AM: Grapes, milk SN: Pretzels, applesauce LN: Chicken tacos w/lettuce, cheese, pears, milk SN: Animal crackers, yogurt</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Early AM: Muffins, Milk SN: Cheese Crackers, pineapple LN: Cheeseburger casserole, carrots, mixed fruit, milk SN: Assorted muffin, pudding</p>	<p>5</p> 
<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>EAM: Bagels, milk SN: Cheese Its, grapes LN: Macaroni and cheese, green beans, peaches, milk SN: Popcorn, watermelon</p>	<p>25</p> <p>EAM: Grapes, milk SN: Pretzels, pears LN: Choken strips, green beans, mandarin oranges, crackers, milk SN: Salline crackers, cheese slices</p>	<p>19</p> <p>EAM: Apples, milk SN: Watermelon, oyster crackers LN: Meatballs w/gravy, green beans, peaches, milk SN: Cucumbers, carrots, ranch dip</p>	<p>20</p> <p>EAM: Fig Newtons, milk SN: Salline crackers, cheese slices LN: Tacos w/meat, lettuce cheese, mixed fruit, milk SN: Fig newtons, mixed fruit</p>	<p>21</p> <p>EAM: Bananas, milk SN: Pudding, nilla wafers LN: Lasagna, peas &amp; carrots, applesauce, milk SN: Animal crackers, mandarin oranges</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>29</p> 
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>EAM: Fig newtons, milk SN: Fish crackers, oranges LN: Taquitos, green beans, pineapple, milk SN: Cereal, milk</p>	<p>26</p> <p>EAM: Muffins, milk SN: Bagel, cream cheese, mixed fruit LN: Fish sticks, carrot sticks, peaches, milk SN: Pudding, animal crackers</p>	<p>27</p> <p>EAM: Graham crackers, milk SN: Nilla wafers, bananas LN: Salisbury steak, cooked carrots, pears, milk SN: Graham crackers, oranges</p>	<p>28</p> <p>EAM: Apples, milk SN: Pretzels, cheese cubes LN: Chicken alfredo, mixed veggies, mixed fruit, milk SN: Cereal, milk</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>8</p>	

## Substitutions for children under two:

Macaroni and cheese or fish sticks instead of hot dog, cooked carrots instead of corn or raw carrots, sliced grapes -- not whole, puffs rather than popcorn