



Living Our Core Values

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

5th -- JR B.
 9th -- Miss Stephani
 9th -- Miss Jessica R.
 12th -- Zachary F.
 15th -- Harper G.
 18th -- Marie C.
 19th -- Maisie D.
 19th -- Kinsley K.
 24th -- Kelsey Z.
 28th -- Conor S.



The 2021-22 school year has begun! The busses are back at Kid Country taking children back and forth to school, our move-up day is complete and our preschool programs are back!

We kicked off our year-long 20th anniversary celebration at our Open House last month with a great turnout! Thank you to all the families that attended – I think the new open house format worked out really well for everyone. This month we will continue our celebration with a special anniversary prize at our Family Fun Night on September 16. This event runs from 4p-6p and is designed for you to visit all our classrooms, play the games and get some treats and prizes when you pick up your children. This year's theme is "Team Up for a Great School Year" and we encourage you and your children to wear your favorite sport's apparel!

We are very excited to start the school year with over 130 children enrolled, reaching about 87% capacity! After the past year, it is very encouraging for our teachers to have full classrooms. We look forward to caring for your children and helping all the children in our care reach their next developmental milestones. Our entire team is committed to ensuring your child has a fabulous year of learning and fun!

At our inservice meeting last month,

our team worked together to develop our new set of core values. We reviewed over 150 values before committing to these five. These are the values we live by here at Kid Country:

HEART:

Teaching is a work of heart

HUMOR:

Joy and laughter in all experiences

COMMUNITY:

Strength thru compassion and teamwork

DEDICATION:

Committed to passion, perseverance and excellence

SUPPORT:

Together we empower

I am so proud to work with such a professional and dedicated group of people, and I'm really looking forward to seeing how we all grow in our roles throughout the year – much like I'm excited to see how your children grow this year! Let's all do our part to have a fantastic year!

Danna

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Blue Dolphins

August came and went so fast for the Blue Dolphins. The first two weeks of August we finished our summer field trip adventures ending with one of our favorites, bowling.

The last few weeks of August we spent time hanging out with our Kid Country friends playing the games that we love until those three words came into play: "Back to School". We welcomed all the graduated Orange Owls into our room and spent time helping to get them acquainted with how we do things in the Dolphins room. It took no time at all for all of them to fit in.

Soon, the anticipation of finding out who your teacher would be, and who might be in your class, was almost as good as the anticipations at Christmas. Then the teachers could hear the chatter around the room of the new school supplies that were being purchased, and suddenly the thought of our summer days coming to an end wasn't so bad. There was a light at the end of the tunnel after all.

We want to wish all our Blue Dolphins a great school year, and many successes throughout the year.

We would also like to take a moment to congratulate Alexis on winning our summer reading challenge. She read 8 books and made a report for each one earning her the 5-pound Hershey chocolate bar! Great job Alexis!!

Ms. Rhonda, Ms. Wendy, and Ms. Donna K



PURPLE PARROTS

We cannot believe summer has come to an end! The Purple Parrots wrapped up their summer fun by spending as much time with our friends who are moving up to the Red Robins classroom. Our older toddlers have been working on self-help skills that they will carry with them to the next classroom. These self-help skills include washing and drying their own hands, drinking from an open-faced cup, using their utensils, and cleaning up after mealtimes.

July was full of summer fun for the Purple Parrots! The toddlers dove into the ocean by using their sensory skills. Sensory skills those such as vision, hearing, touch, smell, and taste. Sensory skills are used to help the toddler's growth, development, and learning within the world around them. The toddlers used their sensory skills to taste and feel a new snack (Jell-O), explored in a soap foam sensory bin, dove into a shark sensory bin, painted their feet to create flip-flop footprints, cooled off during water days, and enjoyed a pom-pom squeeze water play. These are just a few sensory activities the toddlers enjoyed this month!

The Purple Parrots wrapped up their summer fun by enjoying a few fun summer field trips that came to Kid Country. These activities included Shark Week, Carnival Day, Camping Week, and a visit from a clown! These fun activities offer many experiences for our toddlers such as interacting with our peers, gaining social skills, and connecting to life experiences. The toddlers and teachers held many conversations connecting their field trip experience to their home life. We talked about seeing sharks in the ocean, visiting a circus, swimming at home or the water park, camping with family, and eating special treats at home with our friends and family. It is important that we connect the toddlers school experiences to their home life so they can make connections and relate to what we are learning about.

We cannot believe it is time for our older Parrots to become Red Robins! We are spending every moment we have with them! Even though we will be one room away we are going to miss them! We wish our new Red Robins the best of luck this upcoming school year! Your Purple Parrot teachers cannot wait to watch you grow through your years here at Kid Country! Thank you for allowing us to be your teachers!

Miss Kathy, Miss Emily S. and Miss Scarlett



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RED ROBINS

As we say goodbye and good luck to our Red Robins that are moving up, we are so thrilled to have new friends start their adventure with us in the Red Robins classroom. To celebrate our friends becoming Green Frogs, we had a special snack day that incorporated some sweet treats! The Robins loved using their decision-making skills and choosing between the different snack cakes. We are so sad to see our Robins move up and switch up classrooms but are excited to see their progress throughout the next year!

Another activity the teachers provided was the last water day of the year! We experimented with water blasters, ran through sprinklers, used sponges and soap to wash toys and chairs, and poured water into a variety of different sized containers. Throughout this activity, the Robins explored volume of containers, cause and effect relationships, social cues, and lastly fine motor skills. The Red Robins have had a great year together filled with love and laughter. We wish our new preschoolers all the best luck and cannot wait to welcome the new crew to the nest. We anticipate the next

school year to be a fun one and cannot wait to see what the future holds for our Robins!

Miss Krista, Miss Jessica, and Miss Jenna



YELLOW DUCKS

August was filled with lots of outdoor experiences and art activities for the children. In the beginning of the month the Yellow Ducks had so much fun exploring the riding equipment and the push toys on the little playground. The teachers assisted the older Ducks in the small cars and bikes to

familiarize them with it, while the younger Ducks pushed and explored the small trucks and cars on the grass.

These gross motor skills are important for the Yellow Ducks physical development and overall, wellbeing. Gross motor skills help the Yellow Ducks ability to control their whole-body movements, like crawling, walking, and running. They also include eye-hand coordination skills such as pushing and pulling a small truck across the floor as well as riding a bike. Gross motor skills help the Yellow Ducks navigate their environments as they begin to crawl and move around. These skills are needed for the Yellow Ducks development for

performing everyday functions.

As the summer is coming to a final close and the new school year beginning the Yellow Ducks are excited to see the next milestones occurring with each child. The Yellow Duck classroom focuses on the development of each individual child and customizes learning opportunities to optimize all moments. The Yellow Duck teachers are excited for the seasons to begin to change to further explore nature in a new season.

Miss Leslie, Ms. Karen, and Ms. Alex



GREEN FROGS

The Green Frog teachers are sad to say goodbye to our Green Frogs who will be moving up to the Orange Owls classroom. The teachers have enjoyed making memories and observing the children make such tremendous strides this year. We have enjoyed many studies throughout the year.



One of the most memorable moments for the Frogs was learning about the rainforest. Our favorite creature to learn about in the rainforest was the anaconda! The children also enjoyed exploring the oceans and creating several animals who inhabit the oceans such as turtles, sharks, and seahorses. The Frogs have grown physically, socially, emotionally, and mentally throughout the time in the classroom. We are thrilled for them to become Orange Owls and look forward to hearing about all the exciting new concepts and subjects they will learn as Owls.

The end of August introduced us to all the children transitioning from the Red Robins classroom to the Green Frogs room. Our focus during the first few weeks in the room is helping the children acclimate to their new surroundings. The incoming Green Frogs will be concentrating on learning the

new routines of the classroom and getting to know each other and their teachers. The children will play games to help introduce them to their friends, teachers, and

classroom. For example, we will play a game where we all become secret agents! The children will be asked to locate a certain toy within the room and bring it back to the circle on the carpet. This promotes familiarity within the classroom and encourages independence. We are thrilled to be meeting our new Frog friends, and we can't wait to see their growth

throughout this upcoming 20th anniversary year.

Miss Fran, Miss Stephani, and Miss Kelly

ORANGE OWLS

As we brought our summer to a close, we were able to reflect and celebrate all the wonderful things we had experienced this year! The new friends we have made, the places we have gone, and all the knowledge we have gained were steady on our minds. The Owls talked in detail about their new schools, teachers and how they will have another opportunity to make many new friends all over again! It was bittersweet to see our big Orange Owls become Kindergartners but know that they will do amazing things!

As we ended August, we welcomed our

Green Frogs friends to become the new Orange Owls! We have spent the past few weeks getting to know our new classroom, our new friends, as well as a bit more



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about each other! We took the idea of "All about Me" in a different light. Instead of just talking about our likes or our Favorite things, we discussed each of our abilities, our favorite places to go and what our families do together for fun. We are looking forward to a fantastic year with a wonderful group of children!

Miss Bailey, Miss Molly, and Miss Emily K.

BLUE GILLS

We are super excited to welcome back our Blue Gills this month! Our first day of classes will be on Tuesday, September 6 and we have a ton of fun activities planned for the children to get to know everyone and get comfortable with school. We know it is going to be a great school year with our Blue Gills! Welcome! Miss Rhonda and Miss Wendy