



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

3rd -- Luke H.
3rd -- Logan B.
5th -- Lilla G.
5th -- JR B.
5th -- Scarlett F.
9th -- Greyson J.
11th -- Brandon B.
11th -- Brooklyn B.
18th -- Marie C.
19th -- Maisie D.
21st -- Brantley F.
22nd -- Ryan O.
25th -- Miss Kim
26th -- Reese C.
27th -- Eva M.
28th -- Jack S.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Miss Bailey



Kick-Off Fundraising Campaign

It's back to school time! The children are back on the busses, our preschool program is in full swing, and we are looking forward to a great 2018-19 school year with you and your children! Please mark your calendar to join us at our Family Fun Fair on Thursday, September 13 from 4:30p-6p. This is our first family event of the year, and it is a great opportunity for your children to show off their classrooms to you and for you to meet all the teachers. Of course, there will be fun prizes and goodies as well!

As we kick-off the start of another school year, we are also kicking off a multi-year fundraising campaign to replace our existing playground equipment on the "big kids" playground! The current equipment is 15 years old and showing its age, so with your support we will be able to replace it within three years! We received a very generous donation from a long-time Kid Country family as a "thank you" for our years of care, so we are using that \$700 to start our fundraising thermometer!

We are starting our Fundraising Campaign with our Kick-Off Raffle! We will be selling raffle tickets for baskets that our staff have put together, along with some baskets donated by families. Some of the themes for our current

baskets are Italian Date Night, Baking is Fun, Family Paint Night, Wooden Toys, Fit Family Fun, along with two Kid Country themed baskets that will have a tuition discount included! Ticket sales will continue through Thursday, September 13. We will draw the winning ticket for each basket at 5:45p on that evening during our Family Fun Night. Feel free to invite your family and friends to purchase tickets for the baskets as well!

Some other fundraising opportunities this year will be donating and purchasing baked goods for our "bake sale" during the Family Fun Night in September, our Scholastic Book Fair in October, Little Caesar's Pizzas and Yankee Candle sales in October, a Family Fun Event in January, and Spring Photo sales in April. Pick and choose the fundraisers that work for your family. Our goal is to raise at least \$8,000 this year to put in our playground equipment fund!

It's already promising to be a very busy year here at Kid Country! Thank you very much for choosing Kid Country for your early education and childcare needs, and I look forward to getting to know each of you more throughout the year! Welcome!

Donna

GREEN FROGS

The month of August brought us the conclusion of our community worker study. The Green Frogs had the privilege of enjoying a visit from Ms. Chelsea, an occupational therapist. Ms. Chelsea told us all about how she helps people strengthen their bodies and relearn how to perform their daily activities. The Green Frogs had the opportunity to test their grip strength using Ms. Chelsea's tools and learned how they can improve their grip strength using specialized equipment. We also saw how simple tools such as elongated shoe horns and weighted forks can be used to help adults perform everyday tasks that would have been difficult otherwise.

We also received a special visit from Mr. John, the internet service provider technician. Mr. John told us all about his job at Kraus Cable and how he helps ensure that our televisions, phones, and internet function properly every day. The Green Frogs learned that Mr. John's career is especially important for fire fighters, police officers, and other first responders. Mr. John ensures that these important facilities have the internet services that they need to keep all of us safe. Thank you to all the parents who participated in our community workers study this summer!

We had a wonderful year in the Green Frogs room!

Throughout the year we learned about a variety of

topics including the rainforest, the arctic, and our senses! We read many books, sang and danced to our favorite songs, and created incredible masterpieces! The Green Frogs have grown and changed tremendously during their time in our room and we are very grateful for the opportunity to have shared this year with them.

As we start a new school year, we are



excited to get to know all of the new Green Frogs and their families. We are looking forward to sharing all our experiences with them and exposing the children to their first full preschool experience! Welcome!

Miss Fran, Miss Jessica and Miss Wendy

YELLOW DUCKS

The month of August was full of new experiences and some last-minute relaxing for the Yellow Ducks before the school year begins.

To kick off the month of August, the Ducks had their very own spa week! During this week, the Ducks experienced the ultimate relaxation by receiving beneficial massages, pedicures and listening to relaxing spa music. Massages and relaxation during the busy week of school can have many benefits to not only the babies, but the teachers as well. Some benefits include helping them relax, sleeping better, strengthen the bonds between babies and the adult, and also stimulates their nervous systems. The teachers had the opportunity to share a

special bonding moment with each and every baby.

This month was also full of newly introduced art projects. The Ducks had a blast painting different colored apples with Miss Hailey. She allowed the Ducks to choose between three colors to paint their apples. The Ducks also painted fun and colorful butterflies with Miss Hailey. She crafted a butterfly out of sponges and let the Ducks go crazy and make their very own butterflies.

September will be a month of learning new things as well. Teachers will get back in the swing of completing observations, sending pictures and putting new themes in the room every other week.

Miss Krista, Miss Hailey and Miss Leslie

PURPLE PARROTS

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O could be heard echoing through the classroom as the toddlers kicked the month off learning all about different farm animals. While singing this simple children's song many developmental skills were being engaged and strengthened. The children were implementing new vocabulary, making connections between the animals and their appropriate sounds, socializing, and recognizing and recalling.

In addition to this fun song, the children were also able to explore farm animals visually. Each child had the opportunity to



look at realistic photos of animals on the farm and play with animal figures. This led into meaningful conversations about different animal characteristics.

Teachers

discussed with the children many different things like the number of legs the animals had and different colors that the animals were. To end the farm study, the children were able to observe real chicks. While the chicks spent some time in our classroom, we discussed the noises that we heard and what we saw. Some were yellow while others were black, some spent time eating while others slept. What a great way to get the children involved!

As the month came to a close, we spent some time making a few new memories before our two-year olds made the trip to the Red Robins room. We enjoyed singing and dancing together and reading some of our favorite stories! We want to wish the new Red Robins the best and cannot wait to see them on the playground!

Miss Kim, Miss Stacy, Miss Kathy, and Miss Marisa

Blue Gills

It's that time of year again when the Blue Gills make their return to Kid Country. We are excited to see the many returning families on our roster this year, as well as the new families on our lists. Our hope is that all the returning children will ease the minds of our newer students, and separation anxiety will be short lived.

We have a lot planned already for your children. We are going to start off the year learning about each other while we also learn about ourselves. Each day we will learn something new about our classmates with our question of the day. We will work on recognizing our body parts by doing a little yoga and doing a "Do what I do" large motor time. During circle time, we will spend a little time talking about ourselves, then we will play some learning games and sing a few songs that relate to our study. It's going to be a lot of fun for our Blue Gills friends. Let the Blue Gills school year begin!

Mrs. Rhonda and Ms. Pam



Blue Dolphins

From flying in the air at Sky Zone or getting our namaste on at Kid Country, this August came and went quickly! We had so many fun activities planned for the Blue Dolphins in just the first two weeks of August and they were ones that were the best. The fun of field trips and days spent here at Kid Country will be one for the

books.

During the past couple of months of field trips the children were able to form stronger friendships with each other. Learning how to work with each other and learning how to be kind with one another is something that we at Kid Country take pride at. Seeing

how the children can communicate with each other is a wonderful sight to see. With that being said, we have spent one of the best summers together and cannot wait to see what is in store for the school year. Going back to school will be exciting for the Blue Dolphins. As it is for every year, the children that moved up from the Orange Owls classroom will begin their first official year of kindergarten! They will now be at "big kid" school and learning new things. We cannot wait to see how these kids will flourish in the school. We wish them all the best and are excited for them to come back and talk about all the wonders of being a "big" kid in a new school.

Miss Pam and Miss Rhonda



ORANGE RED ROBINS 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 kindergarteners, but we 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 as well as a bit more 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 Melissa, Miss Krynn



This was a very bittersweet month for the Red Robins classroom. This past month we prepared to move up to the Green Frogs room. The Red Robins participated in quite a few transitions into the Green Frogs room to get used to the room and the new teachers. When the Robins were not transitioning, we were having a very busy and fun filled last month.

The last few weeks the Red Robins room was focused on the world around them. We started with a bug unit, we read quite a few bug books and discussed what our favorite and least favorite bugs were. We created beautiful coffee filter butterflies and had a blast spraying them with water to watch the colors run into each other and create new colors. We turned our room into a farm for a day. We had the opportunity to watch baby chicks and discuss what the chicks were, what they ate, and what they did on the farm.

All the Red Robins loved having the chicks in the room. We also were able to get creative and create our own farms. As a group we got together and discussed what lives on a farm and what our favorite animal on the farm was. We used our gross motor skills to gallop like horses,

hop like bunnies, and jump around like goats outside.

After the farm study, we moved into transportation. The Red Robins were so excited to learn about all the different kinds of transportation and especially our rooms favorite vehicle, the garbage truck! We read



our favorite book "Trashy Town" and colored in our own garbage truck and filled them with different kinds of "garbage" including tissue paper and stickers. As we say goodbye to the Red Robins

moving up, we cannot be more excited to see how much they will grow and learn in the Green Frogs room. We had quite the exciting year and we had the privilege to watch the Red Robins learn and grow into funny, unique, creative, and smart Green Frogs. We know that they will do great in the Green Frogs room and wish them good luck!

Miss Emily, Miss Holly and Miss Jenna

Kid Calendar

- Monday, 9/3 CLOSED Labor Day
- Thursday, 9/13 Football Day
- Family Fun Night, 4:30p-6p
- Wednesday, 9/19 thru Friday, 9/21 Fall Photos
- Wednesday, 9/26 Haircuts