



JULY BIRTHDAYS:

- 1st -- Sean E.
- 7th -- Miss Rhonda
- 8th -- Braedan H.
- 15th -- Declan B.
- 22nd -- Elijah M.
- 23rd -- Brielle B.
- 25th -- Molly S.
- 25th -- Bradley K.
- 25th -- Amber A.
- 28th -- Ryan W.
- 29th -- Evelyn F.
- 31st -- Alice M.



Sizzlin' Summer

Summer is here! While we may not be doing what we typically do for summer, we still have lots of plans to make sure all the children have a fantastic summer here at Kid Country! Water days have already been occurring on a regular basis, and we plan to offer some special activities during the month of July. Bike days, tie dye day, painting, cooking and yoga are just a few of the activities on the agenda! Watch for news from the classrooms regarding these activities and specific dates.

I feel as though our routine here at Kid Country is slowly returning to normal. We are adding a few more children to our classrooms every week, and everyone seems to be adjusting to our new check in/out procedures. We are returning to our practice of sending home weekly classroom newsletters and this newsletter is going back to our expanded format of having information from all classrooms. The children are laughing and enjoying the company of their teachers and friends and spending as much time as possible outside. We are using all areas of our property so that everyone can be outside and still remain in their stable groups without combining. It feels good to hear the voices of the children and get back to the business of providing quality, loving early care and education at Kid

Country!

During July, we will be looking at our capacity and enrollment for fall. Now that we are in Phase 4 and groups of 50 are allowed, even in our public schools, our hope is that we are given 100% capacity back in time for school to open. I will keep you informed and may need you to write some more letters! But overall, we have been operating very smoothly since re-opening in May and we are looking forward to continuing that throughout the summer and into the fall!

It is with a very heavy heart that I share with you that one of our former Kid Country students passed away over the weekend at the young age of 15. I just can't stop thinking about how we are never promised tomorrow! Take the time to hug your children, tell them you love them, and spend quality time with them every single day! While this child and his family are no longer enrolled at Kid Country, they will always be part of the Kid Country family, so I ask that all of you pray or send positive thoughts to this family during this difficult time. We can only hope that knowing this wonderful community is here to provide support helps them in some way.

Donna

GREEN FROGS

The Green Frogs have been exploring nature and enjoying the nice weather. We have wandered out to the hill to see what kinds of nature there is under the trees and shrubs. We have watched ants, a lightning bug and even a spider walk across the grass. When we ask the Frogs "where do you think they are going?". They respond with "he's going to work" and "he's going to find his family". The Frogs have found several different shaped leaves and many, many sticks that we collected for a "campfire" to roast our marshmallows! The best part about the hill is rolling down it!

The Frogs have been busy in the garden watering, weeding and digging for worms and roly pollys. The Frogs worked together to plant flowers in pots by the front door! While we planted, we discussed the root system and how it brings the water and nutrients to the plant to keep it healthy.

One of our Frogs thought they looked like a spiderweb!

In the Green Frog room we are building an orchard! Each Frog has chosen a fruit producing tree and is creating the leaves and fruit for their tree. We practice our letter recognition as we label the trees and their parts.

We are so happy to see our Froggy friends and are looking forward to seeing many more Frogs in the near future!
Miss Fran and Miss Eileen

ORANGE OWLS

We are beyond excited to all be back together again this summer! We have so much hands-on fun planned here in the Orange Owls room! We have kicked off the summer with all things to do with the Sun: what it does for us, why we need it, what the cause and effect of the sun's heat is, and what we can do with the light of the sun. We explored both the heat and light of the sun by making various sun catching art pieces and snacks that changed with the sun's heat! After the sun we will head into water to cool us down from this new hot information! We cannot wait to see more happiness come from being with friends both old and new!

Miss Bailey, Miss Molly and Miss Donna K.



**Kid Country will
be CLOSED on
Friday, July 3
in observance of
the 4th of July
Holiday.
See you on
Monday, July 6!**

YELLOW DUCKS

June was a month of adapting to Kid Country for the Yellow Ducks, as we utilized our time together this month to learn and relearn about one another. We reestablished relationships and enjoyed the milestones accomplished during the stay-at-home time. Miss Wendy also joined our classroom with so much love to give the children. She has been a great addition with her snuggles and songs for the babies.

With the kick-off of summer fun, the children and teachers have ventured outside as much as possible. Outside provides clean air, new textures, and lots of room to explore. The children have enjoyed countless rides in the strollers, the little playground, and the garden. The world looks differently for the children, but nature is the same. We believe in learning through play, and the outdoors

provides many learning opportunities while staying safe and healthy. The objectives we have experienced while outside include new textures such as grass, building blocks, understanding spatial relationships while crawling on the equipment, and reading books while enjoying the fresh breeze.

Looking ahead, July is going to be a fun month filled with special summer activities and water play days for the Yellow Ducks. The water play days will be a great way to cool off while working on simple skills with cups, sponges, and other water toys. The teachers have planned for every child to have their own water source for their play to ensure optimal experience. We are excited to see what July will bring to our little pond.
Miss Emily and Miss Wendy

PURPLE PARROTS

The Purple Parrots are back in action for the summer! We are so happy to see our friends and how much they have grown over our break. The children have been getting back to our routine and things have been going smoothly.

As more friends are starting to join us, we are encouraging them to use their utensils at meal times. The teachers use hand over hand to help guide them while using their forks or spoons. This will be a skill that they will be using in the Red Robins room once they move up. The toddlers improve their pincer grip, fine motor, and hand eye coordination skills during mealtimes.

The toddlers have been spending a lot of time outside exploring in this beautiful weather. They have been using their gross motor skills by climbing, jumping, and running around the little playground. While outside, the toddlers were able to have our first water day! While playing in the water the toddlers used their senses while exploring around. The teachers encouraged the children to use expressive vocabulary while having fun with their friends. We hope to have many more fun water days to come! We cannot wait for the many fun activities we have planned for the summer.

Miss Victoria, Miss Kathy and Miss Leslie



RED ROBINS

The Red Robins had a fun, activity filled month of June. We started the month off by beating the heat with a much-needed water day. The Red Robins had a blast running through the sprinklers and playing with all our friends that we have missed so much. We are happy to finally be back! Seeing everyone happy, healthy, and ready to learn with lots of fun activities brings a smile to all of our faces! We are enjoying the outdoors playing in the sunshine and fresh air working on our gross motor skills along with our social skills.

The Red Robins are still actively getting ready for our transition to the Green Frogs room in August. We are still working on our self-help skills, as well as potty

training that is needed in the Green Frogs room. The summer is flying by, but we cannot wait to see what fun adventures we have in July!

Ms. Krista, Ms. Kasey, Ms. Emily S, Ms. Jenna



Blue Dolphins

What a whirlwind this past month has been for everyone. Due to everything that has been going on with the unsettling images the kids are seeing in the world these days, the Dolphins decided that they wanted to learn more about the world around them. We started with our own USA, learning about the Statue of Liberty and Mt. Rushmore, tasting hot dogs and watermelon, and how our flag came to be. From there we traveled to Mexico, Australia, Italy, China, and Germany. For the past few weeks, we have been having some fun with landmarks, foods, languages,

artworks, holidays and more of the different countries and continents. Each country is teaching us a little about their cultures and how, although they may have different customs, they are not that much different from us and our beliefs. It is a lesson that has opened the eyes of a few. It is a lesson we all need to be reminded of from time to time. The kids even chose to extend our study into July since they are having so much fun with it! We can't wait to learn more about our world around us! Miss Rhonda and Miss Stephanie