



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

- 3rd -- Logan B.
- 5th -- Jeffrey (JR) B.
- 5th -- Scarlett F.
- 11th -- Brandon B.
- 11th -- Brooklyn B.
- 18th -- Marie C.
- 19th -- Maisie D.
- 21st -- Brantley F.
- 28th -- Jack S.



## Transition Tips

We have had a great transition into the new school year! The classrooms are buzzing with lots of happy voices from the children! Whether they have just switched rooms, returned from the summer, or are brand new to our program or have been here for years, the children are busy making new friends and learning new routines.

As wonderful as this new experience may be, it can also be quite stressful for a young child. New situations and change can, at times, be unsettling for all of us. For many children, this may be their first experience of separation from parents or caregivers at home. It is common for even the most outgoing child to be anxious the first days of school. Here are a few suggestions for assisting your child during difficult transitions, or just difficult mornings! If your child is transitioning without any difficulty, that is awesome. These tips can still come in handy on those days that seem just a bit more challenging to get your child here on time.

- Prepare your child by explaining what to expect. Answer all questions directly and honestly.
- Convey a positive attitude. Young children are aware of your feelings. Your enthusiasm will assure the child that school can be a fun and exciting place.
- Establish a routine involving both the night before a school day as well as morning preparation. Rituals and routines will add predictability and are

comforting in unfamiliar situations.

- Clearly state to your child where you will be and when you will return. It may also be helpful to discuss what will happen when you are reunited.
- Maintain a clear good-bye routine. This may include warning your child you are leaving in three minutes, a kiss and a hug, or a wave from the window. Once you tell your child you are leaving, it is important to follow through. Extending the good-bye with "ok, just one more kiss" tends to heighten anxiety rather than relieve it. Avoid sneaking out, this seems to encourage children to become less trusting and makes the next day of school even harder.

These tips can help you prepare your child for doctor visits or any other unfamiliar trip as well! Always remember, that Kid Country teachers are available to provide support and assistance, whether it be now during the first days of school or later in the year. We are here to help you whenever you need it!

Our school year has begun and we are excited to have you and your child a part of our program. We look forward to seeing you at our Back to School Kickoff Family Fun Night from 4:30p-6p on Thursday the 12th! Help us celebrate the start of another school year and socialize with our teachers and families. See you there!

*Donna*

# GREEN FROGS

As our summer session ended, we bid a fond farewell to our Green Frog friends as they prepared to move up to the Orange Owls room. Throughout the year, we had the privilege of watching the Green Frogs grow physically, mentally, and socially as they progressed through studies and explored the world together. We have spent our last few weeks together playing our favorite games, sharing memories from the year, and spending quality time with each other.

With the end of August came a new group of Green Frogs! We always spend the first few weeks together getting to know one another and acclimating ourselves to the classroom. This time is used to introduce the Frogs to the new classroom layout, areas, and routines. As Green Frogs, they will have several new additions to their daily routine including using a name tag to move from one area to another, serving themselves fully during all mealtimes, and using the bathroom independently. So far, our Green Frogs have been rock stars! They love all the gross motor equipment on the large

playground including the bicycles, scooters, and large play set. We have also spent a lot of time digging and building in the sandbox outside. We look forward to a great year full of learning and fun!

Miss Fran, Miss Melissa and Miss Jessica

# YELLOW DUCKS

The final hurrah of summer has occurred as we finished up our last few fun activities of summer. Strawberry the Clown won our smiles with her funky dance moves and bright magic tricks! This summer was important for the Yellow Ducks as they achieved each milestone and some members even turned a year old. Each milestone brings triumph to each child because of all the hard work they put into learning a new skill such as walking or crawling.

August also brought the Yellow Ducks Ms. Emily as she traveled from the two-year-old classroom to join the babies as the new lead. Ms. Emily spent the end of the month introducing herself to each child and began earning their trust and comfort. The element of trust is very crucial in a positive relationship, but especially one between a young child and their care giver. Ms. Emily believes in each child adapting to the change of staff at their pace to ensure full trust and comfort for everyone.

With that said, we are looking forward to the fall months. The Yellow Ducks have some more first birthdays to celebrate. First birthdays are a big part of each child's journey in the infant classroom because it marks when they will be fully enjoying table food and transitioning to the toddler schedule of sippy cups, set meal times, and one rest time during the day. The Yellow Ducks team will help every child with this schedule transition in a slow manner to make it as easy as possible on each child.



In addition, for the children who are younger than one this fall, we will be setting other developmental goals such as sitting up without assistance or the beginning stages of crawling. These individual goals will reflect on the lesson plans for the classroom to ensure optimal development is accessible.

Overall, the month of August began with a summer blow out of fun and ended in the bittersweet switch of Ms. Krista and Ms. Emily. As a new team, the Yellow Ducks are goal setting and planning to reach our goals. We are excited for the next season in the infant classroom and all the new milestones of each child! Ms. Emily, Ms. Leslie, and Ms. Kelly



# PURPLE PARROTS

The Purple Parrots have had an exciting month of new beginnings! Our two-year-old friends moved up to the Red Robins room and we are so happy for them as they start a new adventure. Since then, the Purple Parrots have started some new beginnings of our own! We have hung up three magnet boards in our room featuring the colors red, blue, and yellow. Each magnet board has different shapes and numbers in the featured color for the Parrots to move around. While playing with magnets on the magnet boards, the Parrots are learning color, shape and number recognition. They are also using their fingers and hands thus practicing fine motor skills. The Purple Parrots learn so much while having fun!

The Parrots are beginning a classroom family tree! The family tree is hanging up by our book area and is at eye level for the toddlers. As each family brings in a family picture, the teachers will hang it up on the tree. The toddlers love looking at pictures of their own and their classmates' families! When looking at the pictures, the Purple Parrots identify and label the mommy, daddy, sister, brother, dog, baby, and whoever else is pictured! This sort of observance helps us to speak clearly and expand our vocabulary. Furthermore, it helps the Purple Parrots to demonstrate knowledge about families and themselves. We can't wait to continue trying new things together throughout this school year!

Miss Stacy,  
Miss  
Victoria,  
Miss Kathy  
and Miss  
Jennifer



# 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, SKYZONE. The last few weeks of August we spent time hanging out with our Kid Country friends playing the field games that we love until those three words came into play: Back to School!

We welcomed 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 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 anticipation 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.

Ms. Rhonda, Ms. Wendy, Ms. Kim, Ms. Katie and Mr. Joey



# ORANGE OWLS Blue Gills

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 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, our new friends, 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 Molly and Miss Donna K.

A great big welcome to our new little Blue Gills this month! We are so excited to have all of you here! In the short few days that we have been together, we are getting to know each of you by letting you get up and talk about you and your families as you show us the pictures that you have brought. It's been fun watching the excitement in their faces



as they talk about the things and people that are so dear to them.

We have also just begun our study of Colors and Shapes. As we bring this study to life, we will tie the colors into books that we read, do some color mixing and changing, see what happens to white flowers that are in colored water, and make basic shapes out of craft sticks, yarn, and play-doh. It's going to be a fun study and we are ready to dive right in!

Miss Rhonda

# RED ROBINS

The Red Robins were so excited to start the new school year in a new classroom! They spent the month of August getting to know the classroom and all the different areas. The Red Robins also love being able to now get time on the big playground! The big playground has more room for them to run, and the playset serves as a challenge for them to climb while working their gross motor skills.

The Red Robins jumped right into different art projects for around the room this month as well. They created a friendship blanket by decorating a piece of paper and connecting every child's pieces to create one big blanket! The Red Robins now have access to paper and art supplies throughout the day and they love making pictures to bring home and creating pictures together with friends.

During the month of September, we will begin to introduce "pre-Preschool" activities, such as letters to the Red Robins. They will focus on learning what letter their name

starts with and recognizing their letter when they see it around the room! The Red Robins are ready to learn a lot through this school year, and eager for the fun activities to come!

Miss Krista, Miss Kasey, Miss Jenna and Miss Holly



## Kid Calendar



Monday, 9/2	<b>CLOSED</b> Labor Day
Wednesday, 9/4	Tumblebus Session Begins
Wednesday, 9/11	Haircuts
Thursday, 9/12	Family Fun Night Grilled Hot Dogs & Bake Sale
Monday, 9/16	<b>Fundraiser Due Date</b>
Wednesday, 9/18	Fall Class Photos
thru Friday, 9/20	