



The Penguin Newsletter

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Through this monthly newsletter, we will be highlighting the upcoming themes and activities for our little Penguins. We will be having an exciting and adventurous month through these themes:

Themes of the Month

1. Outer Space
2. Bears
3. At The Zoo
4. Sports
5. Splish, Splash, Splosh

Books:

- Baby Galileo Sees the Stars and Astronaut by Gaby Goldsack
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear and Panda Bear, Panda Bear by Eric Carle
- Wild Animals by DK Publishing
- Out of the Ballpark by Alex Rodriguez
- Boats by Byron Barton

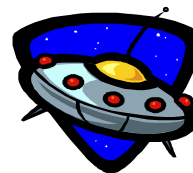
Outer Space

The Penguins will take off into space this month, learning all about the galaxy we live in.

To encourage our vocabulary, we will read a book called Baby Galileo Sees the Stars, which will be a colorful book about counting the stars in the sky. There will even a light up moon at the end of the story! We will also enjoy Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me by Eric Carle and Astronaut by Gaby Goldsack. We will talk about the big round moon, bright, And shiny stars. We will like how Astronaut Andy take his Spaceship up to a far away planet.

We will played a game called "Flashlight Fun", which will be really fun to hold and point the light to the ceiling when we will turn off all the lights! Even the youngest babies will can track the light and movements with their eyes. This game will explore cause and effect.

We will strengthen our sense of sight by using a flashlight. We will call each Penguin by their name.



Parent Reminders

Please make sure that you label your child's bottles with FIRST and LAST name and date. This is a licensing requirement.

THANKS!

Do you need Helping Hands Points? We need two (2) masking tape (white).

Please remember to sign your child IN and OUT a sign in the sheet on the door.

THANK YOU!

Feel free to email us at!

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At The Zoo

The Penguins will have "wild" week learning all about animals at the zoo. There will be have so many animals to see and talk about!

We will have a lift the flap book called Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell and touch and feel book called Wild Animals by DK Publishing. We will like to touch the soft mane of the lion, the sticky feet of the tree frog, and the wrinkly ears of the elephant.

We will sing fun songs to with our zoo theme. We will love "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and "I Went to the Animal Fair." There will be also a whole Curious George CD called "A to Zoo" that will have more songs for us to clap and move our bodies to.



Sports

The Infants will have very active week learning all about sports. We will work on kicking our legs and moving our arms!

One of our favorite toy to play will be the ball and we will practice rolling, bouncing the balls, and will say "b-b-b" for "ball!"

We will have some beautiful illustrate books that our teachers read to us about baseball. One will be Out of the Ballpark by Alex Rodriguez that will have very colorful pictures of us to see. The other will be Play Ball by Jorge Posada.

We will work on our fine motor skills by trying to catch bubbles that our teachers blow for us. We will also pick up the little shaker balls and will put them into a bucket.

The little Penguins will practice reaching for their feet and picking up the soft rainbow balls.



Splish, Splash, Splosh

Splish, splash, the Penguins will be taking a bath! We will have fun this week talking about water!

We will have mini-water play and splashing our hands in the cool water. Our teachers will also spray our hands with a fine mist from the spray bottles. There will have a few songs to sing like "Baby Beluga," "Splish, Splash, I Was Taking a Bath," and "Rubber Ducky."

We will play a fun game that test our object permanence by playing "Where is the Duck?" We will have to look for it under a bucket.

To increase our language we will read some books about water like Ten Friendly Fish by Debbie Tarbett and Boats by Byron Barton. The fish book will have texture colorful fish for us to feel and count.



Art Project: We will be engaging in messy art this month to explore and utilize new materials and textures!



The Penguins are Really Growing!



Logan explores objects placed in his hands! He turns from his tummy!



Madeline turns from her tummy! She enjoys grabbing and playing with toys during tummy time!



Zoe is moving in circles and she is trying to scoot backwards on the floor!



Macey is working how to sit up with support!



Sacha moves around obstacles by side-stepping!



Caden is walking independently around the room!



Harlee is practicing how to walk with assistance! She will be having her 1st birthday on Wednesday 30!



Caleb is pulling up and cruising all over the place! He will be having his 1st birthday on Wednesday 16!



We said "bye-bye" to **Cayden** who moved to the Toddler's Room! We will miss him in our classroom!