

Parents, we hope that the first couple of monthly newsletters have been very informative. These will continue to be filled with exciting news of what is going on around our school as well as in each classroom. A few important points of information for everyone are:

1. We will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual St. Jude strike-A-Thon this month. More information to come.
2. **Flip Flop sandals are not allowed in school.** The children go outside daily and while running, can fall and get injured with that type of footwear.
3. Please ensure that your child has the proper change of clothing in their cubbies that are weather appropriate.

### Past/Current Events

Parents, this month we are planning an all-classroom field trip to Lincoln Park Zoo. We will need parent volunteers to assist with the children. If you would like to join us please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

### Kindergarten Koalas

Summer Summer!! Our class has been busy busy chatting about what everyone has been doing so far and now it is time to start thinking of the First day of School. Lots of work to do. Many of our classmates are leaving to attend first grade so we will be missing them in the upcoming weeks. The theme for this month is Zoo Animals. We will be doing many projects and learning activities in regards to what animals live in the zoo as well as lots of research as to where each one originates from and how they live, eat, sleep, and which are endangered or not.

There will be a letter going out soon to parents of children staying for Kindergarten so please keep an eye out for that.

If you have any questions or concerns please see Ms. Jane or Ms. Jessica.

### Lions Classroom

Hello Parents!

July ended up to be a very crazy month for the Lion room. I am happy to start the month of August off together and I hope to continue with my plans from July. With not much time until fall comes we will be soaking up the sun for the rest of the summer! We will be doing our lessons on bugs, weather, and the outdoors. We plan on making it over to the park as well as taking several walks around the block to find some insect friends. And because we will be spending a lot of time outside, please bring your child to school in appropriate shoes. Please do not bring them in flip flops. Thank you and I am excited to spend our last days of summer outside!

### Peanuts News

Last month we had a lot of fun learning about the zoo and the animals that live there. The children learned about many new animals and the sounds that they make. We are eagerly anticipating our field trip to the Lincoln Park Zoo where we'll be able to visit all of the animals that we have recently learned about. This month we will be learning about the ocean and some of the wildlife that lives in it. Please take note of the lesson plan and the vocabulary listed on it. Continue to practice counting, ABC's and name recognition at home.

On another note please be aware that your child's diaper fee is due every Friday upon drop-off. If not paid on time, you are subject to a late fee. Parents, please check your child's cubby daily to ensure that you receive any and all information, special notes, dirty/soiled clothing, and/or to restock their boxes.

Thank you. Happy August. Ms. Crystal & Ms. Joannie

### Bears Classroom

For the month of August we will be finishing up our opposites section by reviewing above and below and working on top and bottom. We will also be reviewing rhyming and sequencing. We will be doing this through picture identification, playing rhyming games/sequencing games, and placement of items above/below and top/bottom of pictures. We will also be finishing up our summer projects series working with sand, seashells and rocks and painting with glitter.

### Dragons Classroom

The summer is half over, but the fun has just begun. We have begun a unit on dinosaurs. We are creating a book that the children will bring home at the end of the unit. We will be doing Dino games, songs, and tons of art projects. One will be making Dino fossils in salt dough. Ask your child what we have talked about so far and about each day. Also look for our displays.

### PeeWee's Classroom

#### THE WORLD IS YOUR CANVAS

This is the theme unit we are working on this month. The Pee-Wee's will be able to express them-selves this month by working on various art projects. We will explore the world of paint, oils, and more. Last month, we learned about Lions and Elephants and even created another class book. It was entitled "I went on a safari and what did I see?" If you would like a copy please take one, they are located by the front sign in/out sheets. As the warm weather settles into place, parents please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for playing.

Parents, if you have any art supplies such as molding clay or anything else and would like to donate them to the class, we would be more than happy to accept them!

**Stay Cool Pee-Wee's!**