

July 2021



# The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center



## Message from the Center Director

Happy July! I hope that this weekend will find you and your family enjoying some of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July traditions and festivities that you might have missed last year. It's been fun listening to the children talk about their weekend plans which include going to the cottage, camping, boating, visiting cousins and most of all... fireworks! So much excitement! Sounds like there will be many great memories being made. There is a fun-filled July ahead of us at Davis. Between water play days, a visit from Kona Ice, and field trips for the older children, July will find our Davis kiddos busy.

Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July, be safe and have FUN!

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## Please Mark Your Calendars

**Davis will be closed the following upcoming dates:**

- ◇ July 5<sup>th</sup> in observation of Independence Day
- ◇ August 31<sup>st</sup> for our annual Inservice Day
- ◇ September 6<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day

## Davis Garden

*June was a hard month for the gardens! With 90 degree days and very little rain, our friends worked really hard to keep everything watered. Our strawberry season was fast and sweet with the hot weather, and we're now watching the rest of the gardens rebound with cooler temperatures and more rain. We expect to begin harvesting food by the middle of the month!*

**THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS** Happy Fourth of July!! Such a festive and fun time to celebrate our nation and everything we are proud of! To help celebrate, we will be painting colorful fireworks. Throughout July, we will be exploring sand play and feeling what it's like to be on the beach in the comfort of our own room! We will also start experimenting with water play and having fun getting wet! Once EAA rolls around, we will be listening for planes flying over and playing with toy gliders to celebrate EAA. We hope everyone has a joyful and safe 4th of July; let's start this exciting month out with a **BANG!**

**THE CREEPERS** Time sure does fly, it's already July! As the weather continues to warm up, we will be spending more time outside so please dress your child appropriately. For the mornings that are cooler please leave a very light jacket. We will be having water play every Thursday!

For the beginning of the month, we will be focusing on the 4th of July! A few things we will be exploring are, the colors of the holiday, fireworks, and some ooey gooey oobleck! Towards the end of the month, we will be exploring the beach and the ocean. We have lots of sensory play planned. For example, we will be making moon sand to play with seashells and pretend we are at the beach.

We would like to welcome Ms. Erin to the Creeper Room. Welcome Ms. Erin! The Creepers are looking forward to another awesome month! Have a safe and fun holiday!

Sincerely,

Ms. Rachel and Ms. Erin

**THE SCOOTERS** Happy July Everyone! I can't believe we are already getting to the half way point of our summer! The kids, Ms. Cassie, and I are having a blast this summer getting to be outside and enjoying the weather. Please continue on bringing weather appropriate clothes for your child.

This month we will be talking about the 4th of July, in which focusing on the certain colors-red, white, and blue...and also the sounds of fireworks; plowing into our farming theme, in which we will be talking about the different animals and their sounds; and also diving into our ocean theme, learning about the different animals of the sea. The lesson plans are always posted on the parent board if you are curious to see what your child will be doing during each week.

The 5th we will be closed, in observation of the 4th. Enjoy the time with family and friends! Hopefully everyone will get to see some fireworks!

Here in the Scooter Room, we love to go on walks around the Davis and Evergreen areas. The next time you are outside on a walk with your child, try to find as many different things as you can (ex. flowers, animals, colors, etc.).

Happy 4th of July!

Ms. Emily and Ms. Cassie

## THE WIGGLERS

Happy Summer!

July will bring with it warm and sunny days perfect for water play – thank you for bringing in swimsuits and water shoes so that we are ready to splash! We will also celebrate the fourth of July with plenty of red, white, and blue projects. We'll continue to build the rest of the Wiggler Room curriculum around all the wonderful summer sights and happenings. With summer in full bloom we remind you to update us on your attendance, if you have a vacation planned or just a day away from Davis Child Care please notify us so we don't accidentally call you on a planned vacation day. Communication activity: What's that sound? Turn off the television and other electronics and listen with your child to sounds around your home. Listen to the refrigerator motor, wind chimes, a clock ticking, or people talking. Ask your child to tell you what she hears. Try this at night. Listen for the night sounds of crickets, frogs, or cars beeping. Whisper to each other about what you hear.

Enjoy these wonderful days – they go by so quickly!

Miss Kelly and Miss Barb

## THE TROOPERS

*Welcome to July in the Troopers!*

*The Trooper classroom is so excited to welcome parents back into Davis. It is wonderful to see all of you and to communicate in person!!*

*The Troopers are enjoying the summer. We had fun participating in several special activities. Kona Ice and water day were our favorites, and we look forward to them again in July.*

*As June moves into July, we will be having fun making 4th of July decorations and creating some fabulous red, white and blue artwork. We have spent some time exploring camping and fishing. In July we will head for the beach. There will be lots to learn about, both on the sand and under the water. We will also begin to explore transportation.*

*We do go outside and as the weather changes so does the need for different clothing. After rainy days you may want to send rain boots as we love to explore in the mud and wet sand is pretty awesome.*

*In the Trooper classroom we encourage independence and self-help skills. If possible, please dress your child in clothing that is easy to get up and down in the bathroom.*

*All of us on the Trooper teaching team look forward to our time with your child. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact us or the Davis office.*

## THE HOPPERS

Happy Birthday America! Summer has started and we are having fun enjoying the sun and having water activities with the Snappers and Sparklers on Tuesday mornings. Also, very excited to use our outdoor classroom on Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings, and Stem on Thursday mornings with Farmer Jenn. The Hoppers will continue to help take care of our garden and help pick our fruits and vegetables for Chef Tony and Chef Adam. So far, we have been picking the strawberries and are very excited to try them with our lunch.

Last month the class loved meeting and singing with Mr. Pickles. The Hoppers have been able to continue dancing and singing while watching some videos he made. Out on the playground playing t-ball is a favorite activity. At home, use an empty round ice cream carton, bucket, or any other safe round container as the stand for a medium-size ball balloon. Let your child swing a small plastic bat. When he/she hits the ball, he/she can run home—right into your arms!

This month our themes will be: “Happy Birthday America”, “Under the Sea/Beach”, and “Up in the Air”.

Summer is a time to enjoy oneself and have fun! The Hopper room will continue to learn together, but we will be using the outdoors to help us learn and have fun. Thanks for all you do!

## THE SNAPPERS

*Summer is in full swing! We are enjoying weekly sprinkler days and are excited to add the outdoor classroom to our rotation! Nature is its own learning environment, we like making new connections and using things in different ways.*

*We loved Mr. Pickles last month, as well as our first field trip to the farm. We are excited to go to the movie theatre and Omro pool this month! Also, we are looking forward to our next Kona Ice visit. Cool treats are the best on a hot day!*

*Our themes this month will be the 4th of July, Ice Cream, the Beach/Ocean, and the Zoo. We will continue to weed and learn about our Davis gardens as we wait for their goodies to grow. We've already picked strawberries, and we notice the leaves have gotten bigger on our other plants. We're great gardeners!*

*Something to work on this month is more cutting. Planning a family trip to a museum or zoo over a weekend? Have children cut out squares for the animals or paintings and draw on them! Create a mural, which will help them work on their pencil grip as well!*

*Have a great summer!*

*Ms. Leah*

## THE SPARKLERS

Happy 4 of July! The summer is flying by so fast! Be sure to check your Summer activity calendar for all the fun things that are up and coming.

A few activities for the Sparklers include:

Tuesdays are water play days

Wednesdays will be the Sparkler's day to help weed and watered the garden

Thursday is STEM with Farmer Jenn

In the sparkler room we are always working on using our words, being helpful not hurtful, working together, and listening to our friends. Many of the books we read together each week help with these skills: *Tucker the Turtle, Bear Learns How to Share, Puppy Learns to Say Please, Kitten Learns to Listen, and Hamster Learns to Help*. These books illustrate for the children ways to be helpful. Fine motor is always a skill we are working on as well. One way to do this at home would be to make a necklace with fruit loops, beads, or any other materials you may find. This activity will help with the "pincher grip" which is great for learning how holding a pencil. Some of our themes for the month of July include The 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Ice Cream, Camping, and the Zoo. Here's to a great month!

## THE RANGERS

July is here! Hope everyone has had a Happy and Safe 4th!. Our class had a great time learning about different ecosystems (ocean, savannah, rainforest) and the farm.. We explored how salt water affects objects, and really enjoyed our virtual field trip to Africa. The Rangers had a great time at Mulberry Lane Farm, and got to explore first hand the animals and life on the farm.. We ask that you help out and continue to talk with your child about field trip safety..

Our class is typically walking on Tuesdays and Thursdays and we leave the center at 9:00am. Please make sure that your child has appropriate footwear for walking (socks and shoes). With water days (Mondays and Fridays) in full swing we need to make sure that your child has a swimsuit, towel, water shoes, and a bag to bring their swim items back and forth with. These will be sent home everytime they are used and will need to be brought back for the next water day. Please talk with your child about appropriate behavior when changing in and out of our swimwear.

Please remember to check your child's Ranger folder nightly. This is our main way to communicate additional activities that may be going on in our classroom, or the center with you.

## STEM

July meets us in full summer swing, and we've been taking our STEM learning outside as much as possible! This month we'll begin with some 4th of July fun by exploring one of our favorite chemical reactions: baking soda and vinegar. The older friends will make a ping pong ball popper to explore some physics as well. Then we'll move on to a week about woodland animals, focusing on beavers and how they build dams. Mid-month we'll return to the gardens to do a check-up and then move to explore gravity through pom pom ball runs. We'll end the month with a Center favorite of exploring lemons. The younger friends will make a lemony oobleck while the older friends re-test their knowledge of chemical reactions through lemon volcanoes. It's looking to be a busy month of learning! Connect the learning at home by going for a hike and looking for streams. Wonder together with your child(ren) where might beavers live near us? Or, try your own chemical reaction at home with baking soda and vinegar. It makes for great 4th of July fun! Keep on exploring; adventures await.