



# SEPTEMBER 2015

## Shrimps

Ms. Lindsay, Ms. Laura, and Ms. Tiffany

This month we will be learning about big and small. We will be doing activities such as painting big and small pumpkins, playing with big and little hats, and reading books about big and little things. We will also be working on sitting up with the older infants (5-6 months).

## Guppies

Ms. Manuela, Ms. DeAshia, and Ms. Alexa

We will be learning all about big and little. What is big, what is small? We will be helping the children with self-feeding and holding their own bottles as a developmental milestone. We are also working with the older ones and helping them to walk and become more stable.

## Starfish

Ms. Rebecca, Ms. Gail, and Ms. Kierra

We will be learning all about sizes of cars, animals, bugs, and buildings. We will learn the signs for big and little to go with this. We will focus on the circle shape and do circle art. The song and rhyme this month are the kids' favorites (Eensy, Weensy

Spider and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star) and we will do art to go along with them, as well.

We would like to welcome all of our new students that started over the summer!

## Sea Turtles

Ms. Enid and Ms. Ashlee

This month we are working on encouraging the children to use words or their sign language more when they are communicating. We will also be working on self-help skills, cleaning up their own spills, taking off/putting on shoes, and using a regular cup during meal time.

There are a lot of opportunities for us to teach language skills to our children throughout the day. Something as simple as describing what you see in the car is helpful to them when it comes to language development.

## Seahorses

Ms. Cassandra and Ms. Shawn

Welcome! For the month of September we will start off with the theme "All About Me." \*Don't forget your homework, parents!\* Also, we will be learning about

zoo animals and pets, and distinguishing the two. We are really looking forward to a new and exciting year in the Superhero Seahorse room! We have so many great things to come!

### Jellyfish

Ms. Steffanie, Ms. Melissa, and Ms. Danielle

Welcome to the Joyous Jellyfish room! I hope you had a wonderful and fun-filled summer; but now it's time to buckle down and have a wonderful time in learning. This month we are talking about All About Me, so we need our family mobiles done! We have a lot of hands on learning this year. Since we are talking about apples we will be making candy apples, and we have a lot of messy crafts this month!

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be celebrating national blueberry popsicle day. On September 9<sup>th</sup> everyone can bring a teddy bear for national teddy bear day. On September 15<sup>th</sup> we will be making hats for make a hat day!

### Lobsters

Ms. Abriel, Ms. Patricia, and Ms. Heather

Goodbye summer and say hello to a fun new school year! This year we have a lot of crafty hands on activities to express every child's identity in an All About Me center, messy art along with creative displays across the room. Also, we will be discussing Johnny Appleseed and going on wild adventures while taking trips to the zoo! I

will be having a lot of fun-filled engaging discussions to help your child love and enjoy learning.

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### Stingrays

Ms. Tina, Ms. Lindsey, and Ms. CaroleAnn

Our theme this month is All About Me. We will be sharing our posters and learning about each other. We will continue to work on our handwriting, specifically our names. We will also learn about wild animals and how they live. We will discuss good habits (manners) in the classroom as well.

We will begin to do a "Star of the Week" in place of Fun Friday. This will be one Stingray a week and they will be able to bring a Show and Tell item on Friday.

### Orcas

Ms. Dawn, Ms. Jaquie, and Ms. Jessica

This month we plan to create a sense of community in our classroom and to understand what our character value pride means the Orcas will be introduced to classroom jobs. This will help the children to feel proud of their classroom. To observe September's theme All about Me, our class will be creating name necklaces to showcase the uniqueness of each child's

name. We will also celebrate the book Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by discovering and experimenting with real coconuts.

Our class is looking forward to sharing the All about Me posters and displaying them in the classroom. Please return by September 15, 2015.

September 24 & 25 – paint sunflowers, like Vincent Van Gogh

**Please don't forget to label all of your child's belongings before you bring them into the classroom!**

## Important Dates for September

September 7<sup>th</sup>-Labor Day-  
CLOSED

September 8<sup>th</sup>-CARES Curriculum  
starts

September 26<sup>th</sup>-Johnny  
Appleseed Day

We would like to thank all of the parents that came to our Meet and Greet in August!

We would also like to recognize the Cottrell family for their 2 referrals last month!

## Sharks II and III

Ms. Kelsey and Mr. Damian (Sharks)  
Ms. Cynthia (Dolphins)

For this month we are focusing on the benefits of recycling, how paper is made, and the different uses for paper products. All activities will be hands on and project based to ignite the children's creative and fun side after a long day of tedious work at school.

## School Age Clubs

For the month of September our schoolagers will have a chance to join a few clubs at the center.

Mixtures and Potions will be on Mondays.

Rainbow Looms will be on Wednesday.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the children will stay focused on their themed tracks.

On Fridays we will focus on their Character Value and have special outside activities (weather permitting).

## Community News

### Legos for Leukemia

We are still accepting Legos for the Edgu-Fry family. We are accepting Lego sets and gift cards while he is battling his Leukemia. There is no “due date” for these legos. As of right now, he is in remission and still going through treatment. While he goes through this his family stops by and picks up lego sets as they change shifts at the hospital. Every little bit counts. Thank you to the many who have donated so far!



### Blacklight Run

Last month we created a team for the blacklight run in Houston. We ran in honor of Arda Edgu-Fry and Rylee Acton. We had a blast with our teammates and we did it for a good cause!



## Gilmore Elementary Boo Hoo Breakfast

On the first day of school every year Gilmore Elementary holds a Boo Hoo Breakfast for Kindergarten parents to attend. This is a time where they can get to know other parents going through the same emotions as their children hit milestones together. This year we sponsored this event for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. It is so comforting to know that we are helping parents on this emotional day.

