



News From Miss Lisa &

Miss Sherry:

The beginning of August means "Back to School" for many of our kids and the end of another summer. We also have a few staff heading back to school, too. Miss Kelli will be entering her last semester at WVU, Miss Shelly will be attending her last two semesters of ACDS classes, and Miss Jana will be starting her first semester of ACDS classes as well. Good luck to all of you!

We would like to thank the families of Nolan and Nathan Wolfe, and their grandparents, Ralph and Susan Beerbower, for providing us with a wagon and tractor to ride on for "Good Neighbor Days" again this year! We couldn't have done it without all of their hard work. We had 23 children attending this year, and a great time was had by all. We also wish to thank Miss Jen, Miss Shelly, and Miss Kelli for their design and organization talent, Lexy Shaw's mom, Misty, for her face painting creativity, ALL the staff for their time and help to prepare for this event, and the parents who pitched in for candy donations and who helped in any way that night when things were very hectic.

Please continue to drop off your old cell phones and printer ink cartridges in the parent mailbox area. We have received \$80 so far to use for classroom supplies. Any mailings done by Aug. 31 will earn us bonus dollars.

We have many new pictures on our website under "Summer Fun" and Little Bear Special Events. Be sure and check out all the fun we've had this summer!

Please see the attached August calendar for happenings throughout the month and special events such as water days, library days, and the start of school.

Cub Den News

The Cub Den started the month of July going to the ocean where we saw lots of sea animals. We saw fish, jellyfish, whales, and dolphins. We read lots of books with pretty pictures of sea animals. After the beach, we went right into playing sports. We kicked soccer balls and threw footballs, basketballs, and baseballs. We then visited the jungle. We found gray elephants, orange tigers, yellow giraffes, and black and white zebras. We even had fun making jungle animal sounds! We ended July learning about different reptiles and read lots of books about them.

We have one day of the week set aside for water play, and we love to get wet and play with the water toys. We have been going outside more, so please check your little one's extra clothes and suntan lotion.

Please check out our website for pictures of "Good Neighbor Days" parade and water play days.

Koala News

We started July exploring "under the sea." We had fun learning about different sea animals while looking at pictures of them and playing with toy sea animals. We also enjoyed making an edible beach, but not as much fun as eating it! We found out that we have some basketball players in our room during sports week. It is good we are so athletic since we had lions and tigers chasing us during jungle week! We enjoyed making monkeys and elephants. We ended the month making alligator magnets and snakes.

The children have been enjoying water fun every week. The parade for "Good Neighbor Day's" was a blast! Everyone looked wonderful! We have pictures of the parade and other activities in our picture frame by the cubbies. Take a second to look. They are rather cute!

Pre-K News

Another busy month has come and gone. We've been having so much fun, we can't believe August is here. Everyone has been enjoying our weekly themes, sharing days, library days, water days, and anything else that fits into our busy schedules.

Our 'Star of the Week' project has been a hit. Everyone waits anxiously to see who our new star will be. With everyone practicing their manners, kind words, helping each other, and taking care of our classroom and belongings, it is getting much harder and harder to choose our "Star."

Good Neighbor Days have passed and was so much fun for everyone. Everyone enjoyed riding through the parade, waving and throwing candy to friends and family, and it was nice seeing our Pre-K classmates as well. Thanks again Jason, Tiffany, Nolan, Nathan, Grandma Susan, and Pap Ralph for providing the tractor and wagon to decorate and ride through the parade.

With only a few more weeks left of the summer, we are taking some time to work on our writing. We are also reviewing letters and numbers with some fun games, practicing good listening habits, and other activities to make the transitions into big school or Pre-K easier. (Parents start to look for Pre-K letters in the mail in August.)

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Happy Birthday to Aidan Kisner –
August 21st

*First day of Pre-K is Monday,
Aug. 23.*

Kodiak News

The month of July is flying by and the kids are having a blast! We started off the month celebrating America's birthday by learning all about our country. The class built an American flag out of Legos, created red, white, and blue projects to decorate the room and made bald eagles from their hands to soar across the ceiling.

Next, we dove under the sea! We learned about a lot of different animals and plant life that live in the ocean, swam through a sea of stories, and even pretended we were relaxing on the beach. We made sand dollars, crabs, and "sponge" balls that the kids can use during the hot days.

We had an adventure swinging into jungle week. Lots of fun was had by making our own jungle in our classroom, as well as on the back sidewalk. We also enjoyed playing pin-the-tail on the elephant. Miss Shelly and Miss Kelli continued our journey by reading *The Magic Treehouse* book, [Tigers at Twilight](#). (The kids couldn't wait to find out what was going to happen next!)

At the end of the month, we learned about different kinds of reptiles. We discussed where they live, what they eat, and their skin textures. Some of the things we made were paper plate turtles and reptile eggs. We also blended into our surroundings like chameleons and read, [Day of the Dragon King](#).

During quiet time, the children may bring in their own age-appropriate books. Due to limited space, they may bring a small blanket and small pillow. The children may play their DS's or the computer the last half hour if they have had proper behavior and followed instructions. Parents, please help us to ensure our children are playing games that are

rated for their level. We ask that your child only bring DS games that are rated "E" - For Everyone.

We will celebrate Tanner Collins' birthday on August 3rd. The first day of school is Thursday, August 19th, and we will be preparing to head back to school. Dates and special instructions for different activities will be posted on the white board outside the classroom.