

Beacon Learning Academy

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August 2017

Fall Registration:

Fall Registration/ Re-enrollment:

The registration fees for the 2017-2018 school-year are due on August 1st for families who are currently enrolled. Please add \$100 to your tuition payment if you have not paid this fee yet. This amount covers your registration from Sept 2017-August 2018.

Community Awareness and Parent Night Out Programs will resume in September. Our Community Awareness project usually allows us to focus on the needs of other people, animals, or our environment. We enjoy learning about ways we can improve lives. Parents Night Out offers parents the chance for a date night or just time alone to complete a project, see a movie, or eat dinner out. PNO are scheduled on Friday nights from 6-9 and include dinner, snack, and activities to keep the little ones busy and create fun memories! Be on the lookout in next month's newsletter for our September PNO.

Parent Referral Program:

This is a great time of year to share information about Beacon Learning Academy with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. The best compliment is a referral from you, our families of Beacon! If you share information regarding our program be sure to let us know or have the new family notify us that you referred them. For each family that you refer who enrolls in our program, you will receive a \$50 credit to your account☺
Thank you for sharing!



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Farmyard Friends (1/2s):

We have had a wonderful month in the farmyard friend's classroom. We welcomed Kayla in July and look forward to Delaney and Sam who are joining our class in August. I have really enjoyed getting to know all of your children.

We kicked off the month with our sports and Olympic theme during which we played basketball and bowling and made Olympic torches. Our desert theme and camp-out was a blast, thank you Gabe for sharing your tent with our class 😊

In August, we look forward to exploring the jungle, different types of transportation, blasting off to outer space, and then going back in time to the age of dinosaurs.

Mrs. Crystal

Pond Pals (2/3s):

July has come and gone very quickly. Several of our friends have moved to the next class and we have welcomed Jack to our class. All our friends who came to our class in July have been doing a great job!

We have enjoyed all the summer fun such as water-play, bubbles, popsicles, and lollipop day. We learned about the Olympics and enjoyed getting active playing different sports. We also had a great time doing different science experiments such as watching water "walk" from one cup to another and mixing colors while we finger-painted. Everyone enjoyed exploring the animals that you see in the desert such as lizards, snakes, and turtles.

We continue to work on our fine motor skills while playing with play-doh, cutting with scissors, and drawing. Please work with your child at home to pull their own pants up and down when going potty or for diaper changes. This helps them to become more independent in the bathroom. They should wear clothing that they can easily manage themselves. We are also working on washing hands independently, so the students can get

their own soap, turn on the water, scrub hands, and dry hands all by themselves. All these skills are important to master and will be our focus during August.

Mrs. Marianne

Ocean Explorers (3/4):

Our Ocean Explorers started off the month of July discussing sports and the Olympics. We talked about baseball, bowling, soccer, and what it means to be part of team. We even got to play a few of the games ourselves.

The following week was Mad Science week. Our explorers learned about being a scientist, the scientific method, and the tools they use. We got to put our knowledge to the test while performing all our different experiments. We had a great week discovering how fun science can be. The end of July we discussed the desert. We learned about the conditions of the desert, the plant life, as well as, the wildlife. The arts and crafts were super fun that week and everyone did a great job.

As we enter into our last month of summer, we look forward to the coming months and all the changes they will bring. New friends will be joining our class, as we proudly send our seasoned Ocean Explorers on to their next big adventure. These adjustments can be challenging for some of our friends, so I do ask that we always stay as positive as we can about the new changes, and lots of reassuring is always appreciated to make these transitions go as easy as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to me.

Ms. Becky

Forest Friends (4/5s):

We had such a fun July with the Forest Friends! Ms. Debbie absolutely loved being in the class and making new friends! We also welcomed Oscar, Adrianna, Adalynn and Sophia to our wonderful class! After a nice relaxing break we came back to a week of Sports! We learned what the inside of a baseball looks like, got to paint with balls, and had a super fun waterplay day! During science week, we got to see the reaction when we cleaned a penny, made a rubber egg, and painted with bubbles! July was ended in the desert with snake tracks, camping out and making our own desert scenes! August will be filled with the jungle, transportation, outer space and dinosaurs! Mrs. Kristi will be back on August 15th.

Mrs. Debbie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

AUGUST 8TH: WATER-PLAY DAY: COME DRESSED IN YOUR SWIMSUITS AND WATER-SHOES AND BRING YOUR TOWELS. BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR AFTERWARDS.

AUGUST 16TH: PLEASE WEAR STARS TODAY AS WE LEARN ABOUT THE STARS IN THE SKIES AND CONSTELLATIONS! WE WILL GO ON A "STAR HUNT" AND FIND HIDDEN STARS AROUND THE SCHOOL.

AUGUST 18TH: WATER-PLAY DAY: COME DRESSED IN YOUR SWIMSUITS AND WATER-SHOES AND BRING YOUR TOWELS. BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR AFTERWARDS.

AUGUST 25TH: BEACON PAJAMA PARTY- COME DRESSED IN COMFY PAJAMAS FOR A FUN DAY OF ACTIVITIES.

AUGUST 28TH: CHILDREN WHO ARE MOVING UP WILL VISIT THEIR NEW CLASSES TODAY. PLEASE PLAN TO DROP OFF NO LATER THAN 9:30 TODAY SO YOUR CHILD CAN BE INCLUDED 😊

AUGUST 29TH- SEPT. 4TH: BEACON LEARNING ACADEMY IS CLOSED FOR FALL BREAK AND LABOR DAY. OUR NEW ACADEMIC SCHOOL-YEAR WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 5TH 2017. HAVE A WONDERFUL FALL BREAK!



Themes:

August 1-4th: We'll swing into the **Jungle/ Rainforest** on a vine as we learn about jungle animals and this interesting environment. The children will learn about the layers of the rainforest, what products we use that come from plants that grow in the jungle, and much more. Our letter is Jj, our color is green, we will practice 11-15, and review all shapes.

August 7-11th: Drive on in and see us for a fun week of **Transportation!** Land, air, and sea... what are the ways you travel? Our Letter will be Kk, the color gray, octagons, and we'll review the numbers 11-15.

August 14-18th: Blast off into **Outer Space** with us this week! We'll go out of this world and over the moon as we explore the other planets, space crafts, and space suits! We'll build our own international space station and talk about what we'd pack if we got to travel there. How many future astronauts do we have here at Beacon? Our letter is Pp, our color will be black, we'll explore the star shape, and review the numbers 16-20.

August 21-25th: This week will fun as we focus on **Dinosaurs**. We'll make fossils, explore "dino bones" and artful dinosaurs. Who can fit inside a dino's footprint? We'll learn what it means for a species to become extinct. Our letter will be Xx, the color purple, our shape is oval, and we will review 16-20.



6 WAYS TO TEACH PATTERNS:

A PATTERN IS SOMETHING THAT REPEATS ITSELF. CHILDREN LOVE TO LEARN ABOUT AND CREATE PATTERNS. THE CONCEPT OF SOMETHING HAPPENING AGAIN AND AGAIN CAN BE VERY REASSURING TO A CHILD. THIS IS ALSO A SPATIAL/ MATH CONCEPT THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND.

1. GIVE YOUR CHILD 10 SQUARE BLOCKS AND 10 CYLINDER BLOCKS. SHOW THEM HOW TO STACK THEM IN A PATTERN SUCH AS SQUARE, CYLINDER, SQUARE..... REPEAT THE NAME FOR EACH AND TALK ABOUT HOW YOU MADE A PATTERN.
2. TALK TO YOU CHILD DURING THE DAY. DISCUSS WITH THEM THE PATTERN OF YOUR DAILY ROUTINES. DO YOU REPEAT THE SAME ACTIONS FIRST THING IN THE MORNING OR BEFORE BED AT NIGHT? DISCUSS WITH THEM THAT THIS IS YOUR PATTERN/ ROUTINE.
3. MAKE SNACK-TIME FUN BY CREATING PATTERNS WITH DIFFERENT SIZES OR COLORS OF CEREAL OR CRACKERS.
4. EGG CARTON PATTERNS: BLEACH AN EGG CARTON TO CLEAN IT. CHOOSE A SMALL TOY THAT CAN FIT INTO EACH SECTION SUCH AS A LEGO AND SHOW YOUR CHILD HOW TO MAKE PATTERNS BASED ON COLOR OR TYPE OF TOY .
5. PLAY A GAME USING YOUR BODY PARTS TO REPEAT PATTERNS. FOR EXAMPLE: CLAP, STOMP, CLAP, STOMP. MAKE THE PATTERN HARDER BY ADDING IN NEW ACTIONS SUCH AS CLICK TONGUE, BLINK EYES, PAT KNEES, ETC... ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY BY ASKING YOUR CHILD WHAT NOISES OR ACTIONS THEY CAN COME UP WITH TO ADD TO THE REPEATING PATTERN?
6. CREATE PATTERN CARDS WITH THE OUTLINE OF A CERTAIN TOY ON EACH CARD SUCH AS COLORED BLOCKS. HAVE THE CARD SHOW A PATTERN SUCH AS RED, BLUE, RED, BLUE AND SEE IF YOU CHILD CAN CONTINUE THE PATTERN SHOWN. ONCE THEY MASTER 2 OBJECTS IN A PATTERN INCREASE THE NUMBER TO 3 OR ADD A NEW CONCEPT SUCH AS SIZE. EX: USE THE SAME COLORS OF BLOCKS BUT IN 2 DIFFERENT SIZES AND CREATE A PATTERN OF BIG, LITTLE, BIG LITTLE. YOU CAN ALSO INTRODUCE OTHER CONCEPTS SUCH AS FULL/ EMPTY, LIGHT/ DARK, HOT/COLD, AND NEW/OLD.



Easy 3 Minute Prep Volcano!

Ingredients

1. Plastic cup (We tried a water bottle, but the plastic cup worked much better)
2. Water
3. 3-4 TBs of baking soda at least (we usually do 4-6 which makes it extra foamy and will do 2-3 eruptions)
4. 1 tsp of dish soap
5. 1/2 oz to 2 oz of **Washable Paint**.
6. 1 cup (8 oz) of Vinegar to start with per eruption...then they'll be asking for more



Happy Birthday:

Benjamin- 8/4

Elizabeth- 8/16

Shrihan- 8/22

Zachary- 8/26

Parker- 8/28

Krish- 8/30

Tesia- 8/30

