

Sandcastle Child Care

Newsletter

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September News



Dear Parents:

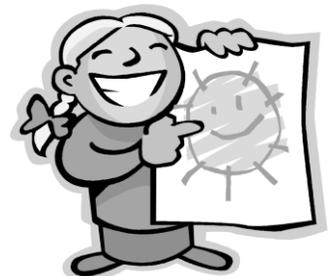
We had a fabulous summer at Sandcastle. We are looking forward to the start of fall and our new classrooms.

We are excited to be continuing with Minnesota Reading Corps. Brianna will be our Professional Corps member in the Sea Star room and Margaret will be our Professional Corps member in the Stingray room. We are all looking forward to a new year of introducing and working literacy into our classrooms to help your children be prepared for Kindergarten. If you would like more information on Minnesota Reading Corps, please go to www.minnesotareadingcorps.org.

Please Remember:

- In the parking lot, please remember to drive safe. We have children and parents walking through the lot at all hours of the day.*
- Please review the policies on sick children in your handbook. Cold and flu season will be upon us soon and we need everyone's help to stay healthy.*
- When and if you have any concerns about your child or the classroom, please feel free to call the center. We can connect you to your child's teacher or you can speak directly with Wendy or Jennifer.*
- Please sign your child in and out each day. The bookkeeper does have to go back each week and fill in the missing times every week.*
- Please pay with separate checks when you need to pay for a new job or a registration fee for a new family member. These payments go into separate accounts.*

*We hope everyone has a smooth transition into the new school year.
Jennifer, Wendy, Lisa and Rachael*



Fun Fall Activities

With the leaves starting to change and to the ground, you could go on a nature walk and see the different things you could collect. Bring along some binoculars and magnifying glasses so you could check out the different things up close.



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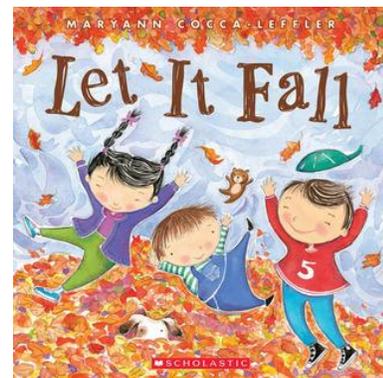


If you collect some of the leaves, you could do some leaf rubbings and hang them up around the house.

To further the learning and fun, you could go to the library and check out some fall books. Here are some examples of fall books that we have at Sandcastle

Mouse's First Fall by Lauren Thompson

Let It Fall by MaryAnn Cocca-Leffler



"Infant Information"



Dolphins: (Danette, Jackie, and Rose)

Crying and Colic

All babies cry. Crying is their way of communication; it is how they ask for help. They might need:

- to be fed
- to be changed
- sleep
- to be held
- to be played with
- a change of position

What to do:

- rock your baby
- change your baby's diaper
- feed your baby
- give your baby a pacifier or help him/her find his/her thumb
- take your baby for a walk

Baby's cries are different for different things. As you get to know your baby, you will be able to know what they need by the sound of their cry.

What is colic? Colic is stomach pain that makes the baby cry a lot. What can you do to help your baby?

- burp your baby
- feed your baby in a quiet place
- if breastfeeding, watch your diet for food that doesn't agree with your baby (ex: cauliflower)
- hold your baby
- play with your baby
- talk to your doctor about possible medication

Sea Horses: (Jody, Denise, Angie, Carol, Isabel, and Jessica)



Welcome to another school year at Sandcastle. Infant 2 had a great summer, we hope yours was also.

Now that September has arrived we will be focusing on learning about fall, with leaves, apples, natural textures, and looking at books about fall.

Please bring in a family photo so that we can put it up on our family board and if you have a pet we would love a photo with their name on it to add to our pet board.

Clownfish: (Miracle, Q, Meriah, and Tiffany)

We're excited to have new friends joining us this fall. September is about new beginnings, so we are going to learn about our families and ourselves. In our classroom we see amazing growth and development, so take your child outside and have them use their senses to explore the world around them.



"Totally Toddlers"

Sea Lions: (Debbie, Brandye and Lisa)

Welcome to the new school year! We will be sad to see some of our friends leave but are happy to have fun with our new friends. We have lots of fun activities planned this month.

We will be doing a letter of the week starting September 10th. This year we will be doing show-n-tell for the letter of the week, which means that your child can bring in something that starts with the letter of the week to show their friends.



Color of the month: Red

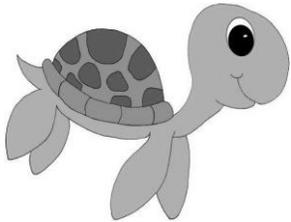
Shape of the month: Triangle

Letters of the month: Aa, Bb, Cc

Please try these fun activities at home:

- Make Playdough
- Take walks around the neighborhood
- Make a photo album of your family

Sea Turtles: (Brittney, Sarah, and Molly)



Wow! The summer flew by! We had so much fun learning about bugs this past month. We loved cooling down on our sprinkler days! We also enjoyed doing tons of art projects and going on buggy rides. As we "leaf" summer behind we will be exploring the change by learning about leaves. We look forward to meeting our new friends and family.

Sea Crabs: (Laura, Myesha, and Rosa)

Can you believe summer is over!? September is here and we have lots of fun things planned. This summer we loved playing in the sprinkler and learning all about water and camping! We even got to make smores for kids in the kitchen. This month our theme will be "Back to School." We will be making school buses, pencil art, back packs and even sensory! We will be making mini bagel pizzas for K.I.T.K! Our color of the month is pink and the shape in hexagon. We will be doing show-n-tell each week, please bring in an item that starts with that letter, for example letter A bring in an alligator stuffed animal.



“Preschool Players”

Whales: (Patti, Megan, and Sreymao)



The whales are heading “Back to School!” This month the class will have the opportunity to role-play as teachers and students in dramatic play. They will be able to play with an easel, a desk, notebooks, books and a “computer,” among other things that resemble a classroom. Allowing children to role-play as a teacher encourages them to use their leadership skills in a fun way. This month we will also be doing various activities to help the class get to know each other; we will be having a couple new classmates joining the

Whales! These activities include “Me” posters and a friendship snack. We are looking forward to starting September!

At home:

Continue fostering your child’s leadership skills by allowing them to be the teacher and you the student. Have fun and let your child be a leader! Also, remember to talk with your child about the color, shape, number and letter of the week. Incorporate these into your daily conversations. We are also teaching the class how to count in Spanish! Test your child’s skills and see what they remember.

Penguins: (Allison and Tiffany)

We are sad to see a great majority of our penguin class moving on, but we wish them luck in their next room.

This fall we are welcoming Camille, Teagan, Owen, Aoife, Maci, Rawley, Conor & Aria to our classroom and we are very excited to get to know our new friends and their families. This month our theme is “All about Me,” where we will talk about family members, pets, things we like and dislike, etc.

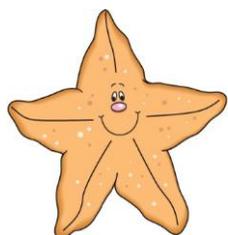
Things we will be doing in our classroom is creating a family board where we will have you bring in baby pictures, pictures of your pets, and families.

Some things you can do at home:

- Look at photo albums, while doing this talk about family traditions and customs
- Plan and participate in family activities such as picnics, walks, or visiting family.



Sea Stars: (Brianna, Giovanna, Jill, and Sue)



Where did the summer go!? We can’t believe it is over! We are sad to say goodbye to our Sea Stars that are moving to new classrooms. Thank you for making our days so bright. This summer we had a ton of fun going to the park, running through the sprinkler, and going in field trips like the Como Zoo, The Children’s Museum, the fire station, and Good Times Park! We also had fun learning and exploring the themes of “Down on the Farm,” “Water Wonderland,” and “Fairy Tales” through books, art, and play!

Happy September! We want to welcome all of our new Sea Stars to our class! We are so excited that you are joining us! This month’s theme is “New Places, New Faces.” We will be learning and exploring all things related to school! This is perfect for our new Sea Stars because the Sea Star class is a Project Early Kindergarten and Reading Corp classroom. This means we are really starting to get into a preschool curriculum, with a bit of more structure and learning new concepts, which will be needed for kindergarten. So being able to introduce new things in a fun way related to our theme is a great transition into our classroom. We are excited to start exploring with you!

“Pre-K Performers”

Jellyfish: (Val, Kathi, and Sumayo)



We would like to welcome all the new Jellyfish to our class. Our theme this month of September is “New Places, New Faces.” The month of September is a special month- the beginning of your child’s transition from home to school.

- During the year, your child will bring home artwork, snack recipes, writing, and copies of books we share in class.
- Please send in family photo, we would like to display photo and celebrate the things that make each child unique
- Every Thursday we do a collage for the letter of the week so please bring in a collage item related to that letter of the week.

Please bring in a set of extra clothes, a blanket for nap time, and we ask that you don’t bring toys from home unless it is requested for a special day. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns, we are looking forward to a fun year.

Stingrays: (Stacey, Ashley and Margaret)

Hello Stingray Parents! We are excited to start the new school year with you. This month our theme is “New Places, New Faces.” The Children will learn about the different places in our community around Sandcastle. Dramatic play will be a classroom with student and teacher’s desks, giving the children an opportunity to pretend to be teachers as well as students. To continue the learning at home, try taking a walk or a drive around your community to see the different places around you.



In the Stingray classroom we continue to prepare the children for kindergarten. Each week we will study a letter. The children will learn its name, the sound it makes, and how to write it- uppercase and lowercase. We will also continue working on rhyming, alliteration (beginning sounds of words), numbers, and writing our names.

Some little house keeping things-We do ask that toys stay at home. We will have one day a month where the kids can bring them and play with them.

We look forward to a fun year teaching your little ones.

Puffer Fish: (Becky and Mia)

Hello and welcome all our Pufferfish families! We are so excited to have your child in our class for the following year.

To start off the new school year, our theme this month is “All About Me” and we would love if you brought in a family photo in for us to hand up in our room for your child to show off their loved ones!



Throughout September, we will move a little slower so we can get to know your child and they can get to know us!

We have a handful of days to wear colors on special days as well wear your favorite color day!

We also have what we call “2 bite blub” which is once a month we bring in 2-3 items of fun and different food items for your child to taste & try and if they take 2 bites of everything, they will earn a certificate!

As we progress from summer to autumn, our goal is to have your child begin to write their own name everyday and be as happy to be here as possible.

We cannot wait to get to know every single one of you and your families!