



# RED ROVER<sup>®</sup>

Children's Learning Center

## July Newsletter

### Reminders

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM RED ROVER!

#### **BEE**

Avery 7-2  
Raelynn 7-13

#### **Guppy**

Kendalyn 7-21  
Lydia 7-1

#### **Butterfly**

Mason A. 7-5

**Mr. Brian** 7-26

**Happy Birthday  
America!  
July 4th**

Late pickup fees – Please remember that there are late fees when you pick up your child after 5:30. We have to keep staff late and this could result in overtime pay for us. The fees are designed to deter late pick-up and can get quite expensive (see your parent handbook). Please make a point of picking your child up on time, so that you are not faced with a late pickup fee. Also, DHS does not allow a child to be in childcare for longer than 10 hours a day. Additionally, while we enjoy talking with both you and your children, we need everyone to plan on being out of the building no later than 5:35 each day. Thanks!!

We recently passed out an update to our Parent Handbook. Please make sure you sign and return the form to us. Thanks very much!

# Notes and reminders

Downtown Street Fest  
Food vendors, live music, kid's activities, and craft vendors.  
2nd Street in downtown Davenport, Iowa  
July 24-25, 2015

Red, White & Boom!  
Fireworks over the river between Rock Island and Davenport with family activities and music.  
Downtown riverfronts in Rock Island, Illinois and Davenport, Iowa  
July 4, 2015

John Deere Classic  
Watch pros golf during this PGA Tour event.  
TPC Deere Run, 3100 Heather Knoll, Silvis, Illinois  
July 6-12, 2015

July 14<sup>th</sup> Rascal the Raccoon from the Quad City River Bandits will be here at Red Rover.  
July 24<sup>th</sup> Kona Ice Truck will be here serving up cool treats to all of our Red Rover friends!

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# In Our Classroom

**Bee Room**  
• Miss Katlyn  
• Miss Baillie  
• Miss Georgia

**Piglet Room**  
• Miss Deb  
• Miss Ellie  
• Miss Sarah

**Monkey Room**  
• Miss Brandy  
• Miss Kirsten  
• Miss Kaylah  
• Miss Missy

**Guppy Room**  
• Miss Leticia  
• Miss Alicia

**Butterfly Room**  
• Miss Joelle  
• Miss Kendra

**Dragonfly Room**  
• Miss Kate  
• Miss Kaitlyn

**Support staff**  
• Miss Tara  
• Miss Kyllie  
• Miss Ashley  
• Miss Cassie

Events

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# Teacher Spotlight Miss Kate



Hi, I'm Miss Kate! I have worked at Red Rover for nearly two years now. I'm currently the lead teacher in the Dragonfly room. I couldn't imagine working in a more wonderful center. I'm a student at St. Ambrose University where I am working towards my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in reading.

When I'm not working, I like to spend my free time with friends, family, and my blind boston terrier, Ed. I love to watch Cardinals baseball, and I enjoy going to Iowa Hawkeye football games in the fall. My hobbies include scrap booking, shopping, and drawing. On the weekends you can find me camping with my three younger cousins, Emily, Michael, and Sophie, or maybe even catching a movie with a friend.



# Bee BUZZ

This month our theme in the Bee Room will be Independence Day and summer. We have a lot of fun activities planned for our infants this month.

Many of our activities this month will be hands on and sensory activities. We will be finger painting with cool whip that has food coloring in it to make it red, white, and blue for the holiday! The older infants will get to finger paint in their high chair but for the younger infants we will just put it in their hand and let them feel it. Some other sensory activities will be colored ice cube play and “fake” (edible) sand sensory bin. Then we will be doing some rubber duck painting and footprint paintings that match our summer theme.

We always read books to the children and books are always offered and available to them daily in their infant size book case!

Please remember that we will be having our splish-splash day on Fridays.

Having it on that day makes it easier to send home the wet clothes. Please remember to wash and bring them back on Monday. Some of our children’s sunscreen is getting low. We will let you know if you will need more on their daily sheet.

Reminder: If you bring in medicine for your child it needs to come in the actual box or if it’s a prescription it needs to have the label on it for us. Thank you!

We know our parents love putting the babies in cute holiday outfits. If you want to be festive and have fun, dress your babies up in red, white and blue next week and we will take lots of pictures of them and post them up on our door!

Reminder we will be closed on July 3<sup>rd</sup>!! Have a great holiday weekend!!

# Piglet Corner

Time is just flying by; it's already July! This month in the Piglet Room, we are going to be welcoming a couple new friends from the Bee Room, Avery and Raelynn! We are excited to have them in our class. The first week of July, we are going to be talking about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and making cool art projects that have to do with the American flag and fireworks. The following two weeks are going to be about sports and senses, talking about what senses we use on a daily basis and having some sensory crafts for them to taste and smell. The last two weeks of July is about vegetables, what they are and how they grow.

We are still taking donations in the Literacy Area, so if you have any books you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated. Also, the Piglets would love to have some more Dramatic Play costumes, purses, bags, hats, phones, etc.

Don't forget about Splish Splash Day! On Tuesday's and Thursday's the Piglets will be playing in the water sensory bins during our morning outside playtime, so please continue to remember their swimsuits and swimwear for them to enjoy the cool water while we're outside in the heat. We will continue to send reminders home if they are low on sunscreen or in need of clothes, diapers etc. On Friday's we celebrate Spirit Day, don't forget to support your favorite sports teams!

It is getting even warmer outside so we will be going through Piglet cubbies to make sure they have the appropriate clothing and sending home their warm clothes if they still have some. Please remember to check cubbies to see if they have notes that need to go home or items that need to be brought.

Thanks!

-Miss Ellie, Miss Deb & Miss Sarah

# Hangin' with the Monkey's!

July is here; can you believe we are already half way through the year? This month we will be welcoming a new teacher to our room so please be on the lookout for Miss Missy and give her a warm welcome. We are very excited to have her! This month we will be celebrating the Fourth of July, sports, senses, and vegetables. Fridays are officially Spirit Day so make sure you are decked out and representing your squad whether it is baseball, golf, nascar, or football (Go Irish) or any other sport, we want to see your colors. Splish splash days will be on Wednesdays and Fridays in the Monkey room. Wednesdays are our water sensory table days where the kids can just wear shorts and a t-shirt or tank top. Fridays are sprinkler days where they will need a bathing suit and towel. You can also bring water diapers and water shoes or sandals for your child to wear.

Hopefully the rain will take a break and we will get to spend more time out in the water on sunny days. We ask that you continue to go through your child's cubby to make sure they have weather appropriate clothes that fit them. Also, if they have an accident and we send an outfit home we will need a replacement outfit for the one they wore home. If we notice that some clothes have been in there for a few seasons and no longer fit we will be sending them home and asking that you send ones that fit. Please remember Red Rover will be closed July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you all for another great month we hope you have a fantastic Fourth of July!  
Brandy, Kirsten, Kaylah, and Missy

# Take a swim with the Guppies

As we blast into July the Guppy room wants to wish all of the Red Rover families a very happy and safe Fourth Of July weekend! Summer is here and we have so much to be excited about! First off we would like to welcome our new friend Harper C. to our classroom! Splish splash days have been a real hit with our classroom. The children are really enjoying this time outside. With that being said, please remember that our Splish Splash day is on Thursdays and it's really important to remember to bring a swim suit, towel and water shoes for this day. We would hate to have any of the children miss such a fun time. We have a lot of fun activities planned for the summer. Our themes are as follows June 29 - July 3 Fourth of July, July 6-10 Oceans and Beaches, 13-17 Jungles and Rainforest, 20-24 Transportation, 27-31 Travel.

There are just a few reminders to our parents.

Please make sure to check your child's cubby every day. There may be important info on your child's daily sheet and also important handouts from the office. We still have a few friends that haven't turned in a family poster, so please get them in as soon as possible. These family posters go with your child as they get older and move to a new classroom.

And....THE BIGGEST REMINDER OF THEM ALL..... PLEASE remember that in our classroom the children are allowed 1 blanket and 1 soft toy for rest time, unless it's their show and share day where they may bring in 1 more toy to share with our class. The show and share schedule is posted right next to our classroom sign in sheet.

Thank You

Miss Leticia and Miss Alicia

# Fly with the Butterflies

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! The Butterfly classroom wants to wish you and your family a happy and safe weekend! We hope you enjoy your three day weekend! A friendly reminder, we will have Splish Splash Day the first Tuesday in July (July 7<sup>th</sup>), but it will only be the water table. The following week will go back to normal- Tuesday and Friday (weather permitting). The Butterfly classroom is in full swing of things as summer is moving along. The month of July is underway as we will be learning about new and exciting things. We cannot wait for you to see our projects and crafts we have been creating. We also have a couple new faces in our classroom! Our themes for July will be ocean week, jungle/zoo week, transportation week, and travel week. The letters we will be reviewing are O, P, Q, and R.

Just another friendly reminder, if your child has show and share on a certain day, please make sure the show and share begins with the letter of the week. We will be continuing Get Ready for School (Handwriting without Tears) in August once school starts. We want to thank you for bringing your child's Splish Splash things for our scheduled days. The children love it and have a lot of fun. Please remember to take your child's wet clothes or swimwear to wash it and bring it back. We also want to thank you for the boxes and other supplies you have brought in for our classroom. The children are enjoying building and stacking with the boxes. If you have anymore, I am sure we would love to have them in the other classrooms. Thanks again for everything. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not be afraid to ask Miss Joelle or Miss Kendra.

# Start with the Dragonflies

July is here! Where has the time gone? Our first couple Splish Splash Days have been a total success! Splish Splash Days will be every Friday for the remainder of summer. Your child will need to bring swim clothes and a towel for these days. You are welcome to send sunglasses and swim shoes or flip flops as well.

We just finished our Unit on Summer. It was lots of fun. In the month of July, we will be covering units on Independence Day, oceans and beaches, rainforests and jungles, transportation, and travel/vacation. We will also be learning a few new songs to add to our music time. These songs include: Yankee Doodle, Baby Bumble Bee, There Was A Tiny Turtle, and London Bridge. Don't forget to check out the Summer Activities wall just inside the front door. You can find information on several opportunities for your child to get involved in this summer!

Throughout the past couple weeks, our class has been learning about the United States of America flag. Your child has learned the three colors of the flag, how many stars are on the flag, and why there are that many stars on the flag. We've also been counting to 100 every day. We still have some fine tuning to do, but we are getting pretty good at it!

As usual, please remember to dress your child in weather appropriate clothing and shoes, as well as make sure that their two changes of clothes are weather appropriate. Also, a reminder to only bring toys from home on designated Show and Share days. This really helps cut down on distractions during learning time.

I can't wait to see what else July has in store for the Dragonflies. However, I do know one thing whatever it is I know we will have a blast doing it together!  
Miss Kate