



**HOPE VALLEY  
PRESCHOOL  
Newsletter  
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Grayson and Bryce are experimenting with the water wheel.

***Preschool Investigative Study: Water***

During August, we will begin our investigative study of *water*. Water is everywhere in our lives. Without much thought, we bathe in it, drink it, cook with it, and wash our hands on a daily basis. And in spite of its everyday status, there is something mesmerizing about it, especially for our children.

During this study, we will discover the places we can find water on the Earth, such as rivers, streams, lakes, ponds and oceans. We'll learn how we use water and how drinking plenty of water is part of taking care of ourselves. By following a recipe, we will make lemonade and become familiar with reading numbers and measurement at the same time.

Our children will be making a water filtering system, bottle tornados, and conducting evaporation and condensation experiments. We will discover if something sinks or floats and if it dissolves or absorbs.

We'll also make a cloud in a bottle, make it rain inside, and investigate evaporation first hand.

We have chosen the following books for our water investigative study: National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of the Ocean, All the water in the World, D. W. All Wet, Come on, Rain!, Clean Water for Elirose, A Drop Around the World, Water Dance, A Drop of Water, The Water Hole, Did a Dinosaur Drink this Water, The Snowy Day, Peppa Pig and the Muddy Puddles, and Puddles.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- 1 Sports Day- Support your favorite team- Center wide
- 7 Steamer Dancing-Preschoolers
- 8 Car Wash- Toddler/Y2's
- 9 Spanish with Ms. Mariela
- 12 Museum Visits
- 14 Sidewalk Chalk Obstacle Course- Preschoolers
- 20 Sea Shell Hunt- Toddler/Y2's
- 21 Popcorn Parachute Play- Preschoolers
- 28 Color Hop- Toddler/Y2's

**FITNESS FRIDAYS**

- 2 Punting
- 9 Stop and Go
- 16 Galloping
- 23 Swing and Jump Rope
- 30 Kick Hard

***OUR SPECIALS***

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Math Lesson	Literacy Class	Music Class Computer free trial classes	Spanish Class Soccer Shots	Math Lesson



Cate and Lucy are taking care of the babies in dramatic play.

## INFANTS & TODDLERS

Curriculum is as important for infants and toddlers as it is for preschoolers. It may look like very little planning is needed, since they are *just playing*. Most of what our children experience is new to them. Each day may open a door to a new discovery as they feel textures, handle objects, hear sounds, and try new food.

Daily routines are one of the most important ways to put research and theory into practice from the hellos and goodbyes, diapering, mealtimes, to nap time. Consistent routines help children build trust and develop secure attachments.

Some of the best playthings for infants and toddlers are not commercial toys but common objects and natural materials that children can safely explore. Our infant toddler experiences include playing with toys, imitating and pretending, enjoying stories and books, connecting with music and movement, creating with art, exploring sand and water and going outdoors. Our activities build on the children's natural interest in exploring the world around them.



## NC Museum of Natural Science

### *What is a Marsupial?*

Kangaroos and koalas are marsupials and they have pouches, but not all marsupials have pouches! We will learn about

marsupials and meet the only one native to North America. Do you know what it is?

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

This month our preschoolers will enjoy reading, *Over and Under the Pond* by Kate Messner. Our children will discover the plants and animals that make up a mountain pond. Over the pond, the water is a mirror but.... under the pond is another world. Check it out!



## Spanish Class

Es mucho calienta! As summer sizzles, the children will participate in familiar games like *Bingo*, and *Simon Says*, but the numbers, colors, alphabet and "commands" will be called out in Spanish. The children will continue practicing their songs.



## Music Class

As soon as young children are able to hold objects, they start to bang and shake them. This month, we will teach our preschoolers how to play rhythm sticks. Rhythm sticks are wonderful musical instruments for young children. What can we do with rhythm sticks? We can tap the sticks together, tap the floor – sticks together, tap the floor – alternating right and left sticks, and scrape the sticks together...all to instrumental music.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Edwin H.      Gia T.      Chris L.  
Dean C.      Louise W.      Kevin S-H.  
Katrina J.