

# Young Child Academy News

Nurturing Growth Through Literature & the Arts



## What's New?

### Art & Show

How is all of your summer going? We started July with our annual Art Gala event! The theme of this year's show was "All ABOARD!" It was so fun to see all the creative ideas and projects each class came up with. July was also filled with fun summer activities, related to water plays, camping, hiking, traveling, and watching fireworks! Looking to have fun together for one more month, and the new school year, here we come!

### YCA Instagram

Dear new families, please follow the YCA Instagram profile ([@youngchildacademy](https://www.instagram.com/youngchildacademy))! Only parents and staff will be allowed to follow and view the pictures. We post pictures from every classroom and share the most recent news there so definitely keep checking it regularly! Please note that any child that we do not have photo permission for will not be in any of the pictures.



## July 2021

## Calendar & Upcoming Events

**Aug 27<sup>th</sup>** **Last Day of the School Year**  
(YCA is Closing at 5:30 pm)  
-Annual Picnic is cancelled.

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>st</sup>** **Teacher-in-Service**  
(YCA is CLOSED)

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>** **First Day of School**

**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>** **Labor Day** (YCA is CLOSED)

### Art Gala

Thank you so much for bidding on our annual Art Gala auction items this year! We raised \$649!

Wow, that was the greatest number we have ever seen since we had started our annual auctions! We had reached our goal and received many more supports and donations beyond that. We truly appreciate all of your love and care. We ordered new books to add to our library collection. More are on the way.

Check out our [Art Gala overview Video](#) here!



- We are in the process of updating our COVID-19 Policy.

- Please clean up your child's lunch boxes/bags regularly. With the warm weather, they can get pretty gross. Also all lunch boxes need to be packed inside a LABELED LUNCH BAG. Label their water bottles, too :)

# CLASS NEWS

## Toddler 1

Hello minions! What a wonderful July we had in our friendship fort! We started the month strong, by showcasing our beautiful little hands and heritage on canvases for our Art Gala! Thank you all for stopping by and admiring the work all of our children worked so hard on. Our little Picasso's had so much fun! We also said goodbye to one of our silliest minions, Vikram. Every day, he lit up our classroom with his contagious giggles and smiles. Vikram, we are so excited to continue to watch you grow in T2! We love you and miss you already! Go forth with all your mighty, we will always be here for you. We also continued our weekly walks and even got to touch the fountain up close! Teacher HaeLim showed us a cool science experiment involving soap and water! Splash! In addition, we welcomed back Teacher Ben for an in-person music class!! He brought us his rockin' mini electric guitar and snare drum and all of us got to play! Finally, Teacher Kiki introduced us to kazoos! A musical instrument that will help us vocalize and find our tone using our lungs and mouth to make a buzzing sound when it's time to shine bright! Stay tuned. Thank you all again for participating in our spirit week! We can't wait to continue growing and learning with all of our minions. Next month's theme is Myths and Legends! Let the stories begin!



## Infant

This month, we welcomed baby Noah to our class, and so far he is adjusting so well to his new classroom. So far, he loves going on walks, playing outside, watching his bigger friends play, and smiling for his teachers. We can't wait to watch him grow with us here at YCA. Arthur and Rhett both had their first birthdays, and we will miss them so much as they move on to their next adventure in Toddler 1. Auggie is growing up so fast and loves playing outside, enjoys music class with Teacher Ben, eats lots of food, and makes his friends laugh. We hope everyone is having a fantastic summer and soaking up these warm sunny days!



## Toddler 2

Hi! This month our theme was Mountains & Rainforests. We've pretended to do fun summer activities like fishing and going on a bear hunt. The kids all sang in unison "I'm not scared! I'm not scared!" We learned about fire safety, firefighters, and animals that live in mountains & rainforests!

We've welcomed new friend Vikram in our class, and teacher Ben is also back for music class! Everybody is so excited to have him at school again. Every time he sings a song, they all sit quietly, mesmerized by his different instruments.

For Spirit Week we've had a lot of fun watching everybody's crazy socks, hair and outfits! Our favorite for crazy hair day was Wesley's multi-colored look, and our favorite for crazy socks day was Evie's long, purple, animal socks. Thank you all so much for participating!



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# Art & Show

## Preschool 2

July has felt so long and yet so fun! This month our theme was Rainforests and Mountains, but for the first week of July, we learned a little more about America and why we celebrate the 4th of this month. Our kids learned about the flag and a brief history of its parts, we made 4th of July crowns and patriotic wind whirlers! The next week was a little shorter with the Monday off but came in strong with many exciting crafts and activities centered around the week's theme of rainforest animals. The kids absolutely love our animal bin so of course, we had to sort out all the animals that we learned lived in the rainforest, we practiced drawing our favorite rainforest animals, and then made red-eyed tree frogs out of paper plates, complete with their long-rolled tongues. Next, we focused on learning about trees and what animals live in them. There was no shortage of books on this subject and the kids wanted to read them by themselves throughout the week. In our small groups that week, we created snake puzzles, made handprint trees, as well as trees made from toilet paper rolls (little did they know that the toilet paper rolls also come from trees!). When it comes to trees it is also important to learn about fire safety, and so for the next week's theme, we honed in on what to do if there is a fire at school and how to prevent wildfires. We went over the rules of fire safety, had many discussions and reading sessions about firefighters, and created very colorful fire crafts. The very last week of this long month consisted of celebrating spirit week as well as saying goodbye to one of our very special friends, Saoirse, who is moving on to new adventures with her family. This week had a lot of high energy as we had fashion shows to show off our favorite color, crazy socks, crazy hair, sports enthusiasm, and beach day outfits. On Saoirse's last day she requested that we all wear costumes to send her off and we even had a yummy pizza party to celebrate our wonderful friend. She will be very missed and is loved by all here in P2. July has been a blast, and we are very excited about our last month before the new school year begins!



## Preschool 1

July was filled with lots of fun activities! Our investigation was on Rainforest and Mountains. We started the month by learning about summer activities. We talked about camping and campfires, did a bird-watching scavenger hunt, and did a car wash. We then learned about forest animals. We pretended to be frogs by picking things up with our "tongues" (party blowers), played a version of Duck, Duck, Goose, made animal masks, and learned about birds. After, we learned about fire safety and practiced crawling under a smoke line, learned about fire stations and firefighters, and danced "stop, drop, and roll". Lastly, we learned about "Our Country" and talked about American monuments and symbols, made an outline of the country, and made a childhood map. We continued to practice letters and loved sharing our letter sound items with our friends! July was an exciting month!



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## PreK 1

Well, well, well. We are in the home stretch! We made it through a beautiful July, and now we are headed into the last month of school before we send this adorable bunch of kiddos off to kindergarten (and First grade). We spent July learning about the wonders of the forest. We learned about the many forest animals, forest landscapes, and keeping our forest safe from fires. These kids made some wonderful forest art, from layered mountain scenes to a wooded forest teaming with little creatures. We even made a paper fire, but then had REAL s'mores!!!! Mmmm. They were delicious. In addition to learning about the forest, we have also been working on our reading and writing skills. This group has done a great job in their journals this past month. They have been completely in charge of what they write about and how they write it. The teachers have been very proud of how far they have all come since the beginning of the year. I know their Kinder teachers will be very impressed!



## PreK 2

July flew by!

The warm weather all month meant we did a couple of field trips to Ward Springs Park and as a special treat, we ended the month by going to the Seattle Center! The kids loved the playground by MoPop and running through the fountain was a big hit!

The months' theme was Rainforest and Mountain. We did some art projects involving mountains, forests, and animals found in both places. The kids are so creative and use all kinds of materials to make their masterpiece :)

Teacher Bailey went to Mt. St. Helens one weekend, which is right in theme! He shared what it was like up there and brought maps for the kids to look at.

Smith and Penny each finished writing a book they'd been working on and earned Caldecott Medals!

Once it's summer, we try to do a food activity once a week. This month, we made lemonade, s'mores, and sorbet! The s'mores were a particular hit, and we talked about how usually you make them when going camping in the woods or mountains!

It was Etta's last day at YCA on Friday the 30th. We will miss her so much!!

Next month, we'll start wrapping up the year and getting our kids geared up for 1st grade/kindergarten!



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# Special Class News

## Japanese with Karlee

This month in Japanese, we celebrated summer with a fun activity- suika wari! Each class got to take turns batting at a watermelon like a downed piñata until it broke open. Once it broke, we cut it and shared it with everyone. We practiced saying 'itadakimasu' and 'gochisousama', said before and after eating, respectively. Maybe you can try it with your child before and after eating at home too!



## Musicality with Ben

We've had a fantastic month in Musicality with our return to in-person classes! After a year and a half of online classes, it's been nothing short of amazing to sing together in the same room. Of course, this also means we get to return to all the activities and games that we couldn't do online. We've been having tons of fun singing solos, playing "soundwaves," and of course, getting to hold and play the special instruments. Our new song this month was "Lonesome Valley," an old folk song with a pretty melody and simple, memorable words. Next month, I've got a couple of new special instruments on the way that I think the kids will love!

## Music & Drama Class with Kiki

Hello YCA families!

Music and Drama really brought out the creativity in all of our brilliant kids. We started out the month by reading and acting out the fairy tales the kids wrote at the end of June. We spent the rest of July coming up with the end of the year performance ideas. Last year, I taught all of the classes the same song. This year, every single class will have their own individual performance that will be recorded and shared on our private YouTube page for everyone to see. The toddler classrooms will be playing kazoos, the preschool classrooms will do cheers about why they love YCA and the PreK classes will be performing an original play that we wrote together! The PreK kids came up with the plot and characters, and I created the dialogue from what they shared with me. We have already started practicing and we are all very excited to share our talents with you! Shout out to Teacher HaeLim for agreeing to film and edit for me. :)

## Art Science / Asian Folktales

It was so good to be back as a special class teacher this month, after all of the things that made me busy! We warmed up by making our own yoga movements. The rest of our stories and activities were related to water. Especially during science classes, we talked about "Surface tension," how the small water molecules like to stick together to create an invisible screen. "Surface Tension" helped us flip over water-filled cups without spilling and make the boats go without using a paddle or a motor. We finished our month with a Korean folktale story, "Red Fan and Blue Fan," and made a paper fan to make wind for a hot summer day.



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