

Young Child Academy News

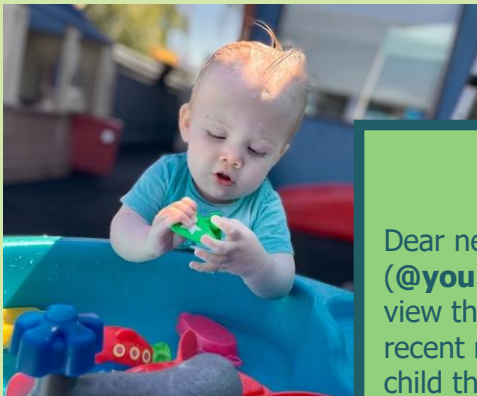
Nurturing Growth Through Literature & the Arts



What's New?

Art & Show

June was filled with all the creative and artistic ideas here at YCA! Our young artists created their masterpieces for our annual art gala event. Each class either focused on one country to investigate or studied various regions throughout the whole month. We hope all of you have a chance to take a look at our students' beautiful work as you drop off/pick up your child(ren)! All aboard!



YCA Instagram

Dear new families, please follow the YCA Instagram profile (@[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.



- This is YCA [COVID-19 Policies and Procedures](#).

- 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 :)

June 2021

Calendar & Upcoming Events

July 1st Art Gala
(YCA is closing at regular closing time.)

July 5th Independence Day -Observed
(School Closed)

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

Art Gala

What a hot month of June we had this year! We were not able to hold Art Gala on the 29th as we planned, but we rescheduled it for Thursday, July 1st. The individual project will be sent home, but the student-teacher collaborative projects will be placed on our online auction!

CLASS NEWS



Infant

This month we have been staying cool with lots of water play outside and walks to the Seattle Center. The babies loved the Japanese class with teacher Karlee and reading new books she introduced to our class. Elena, Rhett, Auggie, and Arthur love climbing up and down the climber to watch the big kids play. They like to race against each other to see who can make it to the top the fastest! Arthur is standing on his own and is so close to walking. We can't believe Arthur and Rhett are turning 1 already next month. We will miss Elena so much next month, and it was such a pleasure to watch her grow and learn these past few months. Stay cool, everyone!



Toddler 1

We had quite an exciting June here in Toddler 1! A special shoutout to Loewen, who took her first steps and then never stopped! Toddler 1 is officially only full of walkers now! Neil helped teach Arjun the joys of throwing a football, while Vikram and Bella have discovered the play kitchen makes the perfect perch to watch our preschool friends play. Jack has been fascinated by our new rainbow puzzle sphere and can't decide what's better: rolling the complete orb around or taking it apart and forming multiple spheres. Such a conundrum! We discovered the joy of popsicles this month! Eating a popsicle is most certainly an acquired skill, but Ari ate his like a pro and with limited mess. You go, Ari! The "Sit & Spin" has been an excellent addition to our outside play; Grey and Madison have taken the lead on showing everyone how it's done. Beckham has graced us with the sounds of his little voice! He saves it for right before and after the nap, but we always look forward to hearing him express himself. Everyone was very excited to work on our art gala contributions, with Hayden leading the way with painting our feet and Agastya taking the lead on covering our hands with paint. Two of our most passionate artists! A big welcome to Charlotte, who joined us at the end of the month. She is such a curious little friend, and we are lucky to have her with us! Thanks for such a fantastic month, T1 friends and families!

Toddler 2

Hello T2 Family! We have had a super fun June! We spent the month creating some amazing arts, with inspiration from Teacher Safa's home country of Djibouti (for our individual projects) and from Madagascar (for our group project). The kids had a great time using watercolors and sea salt for their individual projects and going crazy with paint, watercolors, and markers to dye cloth for our group project. We also had lots of fun playing at water tables and getting sprayed by the hose outside, in an effort to stay cool through the crazy heatwave. Best news of all, we welcomed a new full-time teacher to our classroom! Teacher Miyu moved here from New Mexico at the end of last year. Miyu has adjusted to our routine in record time, and we are all so happy they are here! They are the closing teacher, so please introduce yourself at pickup, if you haven't already!



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Art & Show

Preschool 2

Hello YCA families!

Preschool 2 had a fun and art-filled June! We celebrated the beginning of summer and enjoyed as much sunshine as we could. The kids loved water activities and even some popsicle treats to stay cool. We focused on Art and show this month and worked hard on our Art Gala project (the kids are super excited to show off the work and wanted to keep it a big surprise). We learned about architecture and different mediums of art and even color-coordinated our outfits to learn about mixing colors. We said a sad goodbye to our beloved teacher Jacqui and wished her luck on her move, but we're excited to welcome a new edition to the Preschool 2 teaching team, Barbara! The class is looking forward to next month's theme, Rainforests and Mountains!



Preschool 1

Hello P1 families! This month we learned all about Art and Artists. The first week, of June we learned about different kinds of art and that dancing or playing music or drawing can all be considered art. The next week was all about colors. We read books about how colors can mix and make new ones! We also learned about new colors. After that, we learned about design and different designs for buildings. We also celebrated Father's Day on the third week by making our fathers' cards to take home. On week 4, we read about architects and all of the works that they do, then we made our very own buildings after making plans just like an architect does! The last week of June, we will have an art gala for everyone to come and see! We worked very hard on our project and can't wait to show everybody!



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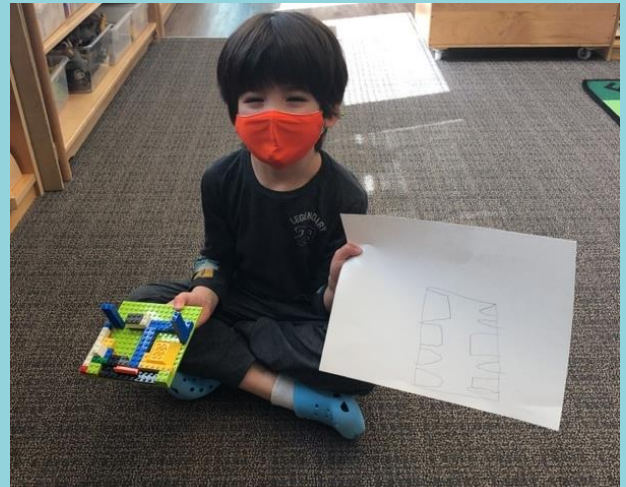


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PreK 1

It's June!! Where did the year go? We have been very busy this month preparing for the All Aboard! Art Gala. Here in PreK 1 we learned all about houses and how other children from around the world live. We used the books *This Is How We Do It* and *A Place Called Home* as our main sources of inspiration. We discovered there are many different types of houses around the world. We explored countries like Japan, Iran, Kenya, and Russia, to name a few. We learned that Inuit children in Greenland often live in "snow houses" that are on stilts. Children in Peru near the Amazon also live in houses on stilts, but not because of the snow! They need to protect themselves from the river and from the animals that live in the jungle. While we were learning about how other children live, we also learned about ourselves and how and why we live the way we do. Everyone worked extra hard and did their very best to recreate beautiful drawings of their own homes. They also had the opportunity to share with the class all about their house and what makes it special to them. We did a lot of learning and growing this month and we are all very excited to show you what we've learned and created! See you at the Art Gala!



PreK 2

This month in Pre-K2, we spent most of our time preparing for the art gala. Since our theme was "Around the World," we used this as an opportunity to learn about different places around the world. Over the past few months, many of our Pre-K2 friends have been drawing large portraits of Seattle skyline buildings for fun. It only seemed right to allow them to use the skills they learned throughout that process for our art gala projects. Therefore, the inquiry for our art gala projects focused on different buildings/structures from around the world. Each child made three drafts for both the personal artwork and the collective artwork, so six total. The personal artwork was a drawing of a building that is special to them and the collective artwork was a building/structure from anywhere around the world that they learned about this month. They used colored pencils and oil pastels in different ways throughout their six drafts to try and find out which one they preferred or to use both in their final drafts. They learned a lot about art and different parts of the world and worked really hard to create these special artworks. They're very proud of their final products, and I'm very proud of them! Otherwise, our six-year-old friends have all graduated from kindergarten and are now back at YCA full-time for the summer so we went back to our normal daily schedule. The summer months are typically when we start doing more fun, warm-weather activities. This month, we brought out the mini pool to play in and made some delicious smoothies from frozen fruit to cool off during this abnormally hot June here in Seattle.



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Special Class News



Musicality with Ben

This month in Musicality we've been learning a classic, "Don't Worry Be Happy"! The kids really love singing it, and it has a fantastic message. We especially like the part where we get to sing the melody that doesn't have any words. We've had quite a bit of silly fun this month singing "Yellow Submarine" in a bunch of different voices. I've also been pulling out a kazoo when the students least expect it, which they think is a riot!

Music & Drama Class with Kiki

Hello YCA families!

We spent most of the music and drama class in June learning about different styles of music. I wanted to teach the kids that all the different styles and genres of music that we covered have rhythm in common no matter how different they sound. First, we listened to styles of music like country, hip hop, techno, rock and roll, and heavy metal. We played rhythm sticks to the rhythm of each song. Heavy metal and rock and roll were our top favorites in all the classrooms. □ Next, I chose music from around the world. We listened to traditional music from Brazil, Argentina, Ethiopia, Germany, China, and Japan. We played egg shakers with these songs, and the German Polka got a lot of laughs. We finished the month by writing fairy tales in each class, inspired by a picture of a whimsical house. The kids came up with characters and names, like a monkey named "D'shay-yay" (Nate in P2), a Unicorn named "Shrek" (Keira and Blair in Pk1), and a talking cake named Harold (Etta in Pk2) The stories had plots and battles and resolutions as well. I loved how creative everyone was! The Pk1 and Pk2 kids practically begged me to let them act it out, so naturally, we will be doing that the first Friday of July.

Japanese with Karlee

We finally finished all of the wild cat books with one about flying an airplane and one about sneaking into an ice cream factory. We practiced our folding skills with paper airplanes and had some ice cream and popsicles on what was one of the coolest days of the month (can you believe it was in the 60s at the beginning of the month!?)

We also learned how to say some body parts (eyes [me], ears [mimi], mouth [kuchi- a favorite in P2], nose [hana], and eyebrows [mayuge]). We played a face-creating game where we said the names of the face parts and put them on the face one by one. Some of the creations were very interesting!

We are looking forward to moving on to summer books starting this month. I wonder what we will learn about.



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