

Young Child Academy News

Nurturing Growth Through Literature & the Arts



What's New?

People Move in Many Ways

Our monthly investigation topic for May was "**People Move in Many Ways.**" This month was all about transportations! Classes talked about things that go on wheels, things that fly in the air, and the things that go on tracks. We are so happy to see more and more friends coming back to school! YCA provided **Live Stream Circle Time** for the Preschool and PreK students who decided to stay home during Covid-19. We hope it has helped our families and friends.

We are helping our students wash their hands and check their temperatures regularly!



Authorization Forms

The weather is getting hot! If you would like the teachers to apply sunscreen on your child on a sunny day, please fill out the school sunscreen authorization form or bring in your own sunscreen if needed. More details on the recent e-mail!

May 2020

Calendar & Upcoming Events

**June 29th
– June 30th**

Art Gala (at YCA)

July 3rd

**Independence Day
-observed
(School is closed)**

Art Gala is coming up!

Due to the Social Distancing rule, we will not be able to hold our Annual Art Gala event at the library meeting room this year. However, we are planning to display our friends' beautiful art works on our windows and fences so that parents can see them at drop-offs and pick-ups. We are also planning to send a video of the projects!

PARENT REMINDERS!

- Please do not use the classroom door keypad when you drop off your child.
- Please check your **Procure (Kinderlime)** app regularly to see your child's daily notes and supplies needed.



CLASS NEWS

Monthly Theme...

"People Move in Many Ways"

Infant

We had lots of fun this month in our classroom and are so excited for summer to start. Charlie is on the go, standing and pulling himself on everything while constantly smiling, and showing off all his new teeth. James loves playing with his friends, rolling around, and playing on his back so he can hold the toys with his feet. It really is the cutest thing ever! Elijah is loving music class and is the best eater in our class. We are going to miss Wesley and Nora as they are on to the next adventure in Toddler 1.



Order please!

Toddler 1

May was a month of reading for Toddler 1! We enjoyed learning about all the different types of transportation and the noises our favorite vehicles make. Our favorite reading materials were our new sound books. We're so good at waiting for our turn to press the buttons! We said goodbye to our dear friend Hastin and welcomed our new friend Wesley into our crew! And speaking of new friends, we have a new teacher in our classroom. Welcome to Toddler 1, Teacher Sage!



Twinsies!



Hi, Lazaro 😊

Toddler 2

Hello family and friends! We had a great month! Everyone is staying happy and healthy in our class. We learned all about transportation! Airplanes, boats, trains, cars, and trucks, you name it! We did a lot of imagination play and took advantage of the great weather and had our own car wash with the toy cars outside. We are also really excited to start our nature themed Art Gala project! Parents keep an eye out for things you can find with your kids in your garden, yard and/or anywhere out in nature, we will ask you to collect and bring some in for the project. This month we also welcomed our new friend Lazaro to our class. We look forward to a great summer!

Preschool 1

Preschool One had a fun month of learning and exploring the theme of various vehicles. We had our friends sail away, as we learned about boats, and made boats out of egg-cartons and popsicle sticks. Friends also learned about what Green light, Yellow light, and Red light mean in traffic. We also learned about airplanes and buses, what their purpose was. We all reminisced about things we missed about public transportations around this uncertain time.

"When I go to bed, I'm going to be mad at the lights." -Reece (P1)

"Someone is stinky."- Declan (P1)

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Line up!



Teamwork!



May the 4th be with you

"Teacher Jacqui, you can come see my big boy bed, I have a lot of stuffies!" - Maverick (P1)

Preschool 2

This month, Preschool Two learned about all types of transportation! Our class loved learning more about cars, trucks, airplanes, trains, and boats through board games, crafts, and activities such as making our own paper airplanes and paper clip helicopters. We also enjoyed a spontaneous dress-up day planned by our students, as well as some warm weather during outside time! We celebrated Teacher Alice's birthday with ice cream, and Sofia's birthday with rainbow unicorn cupcakes. We were so glad to welcome a few more friends back to our classroom, and had so much fun saying "hi" to our parents and friends at home during our daily Livestream!

What makes you happy? (P2)

Sofia - "Mac 'n' cheese"

Maximo - "Rainbows"

Audrey - "Spending time with family"

PreK 1

The month of May brought back some normalcy. We had a few more kids than in April and Pre K was able to go back to PK1 and PK2. May's theme was People Move in Many Ways. We talked about all the different kinds of transportation and what they are used for. The kids made paper airplanes, trains and decorated road signs. In one of the last weeks of May, we made race cars out of toilet paper rolls and they turned out amazingly! We cannot wait for you to see them. We also did some vehicle yoga, doing motorcycle pose, surfboard, boat, and more! We learned where the kids want to fly to on an airplane; South America, Hawaii, New York, etc. Arielle and Lita plan on going to Hawaii together!

We went back to workbooks after a hiatus. We finished up with numbers 1-10 and then there was an assessment for the kids to do at the end of the workbook. We will be starting new workbooks at the start of June.

We have been playing outside a bit more as the weather is starting to get nice and we will continue to do so through the summer.

These are still very strange times but the kids are taking it like troopers and know one day there will be normalcy as Camden asks us, "Want to come to my house when the germs are over?" :)

Also parents! We will be going back to Sharing for June. The theme is Favorite Shape Drawing meaning draw a picture using that favorite shape.

It is also the Art Gala on June 30th and the theme is What a Wonderful World. We are making our projects with items from nature. If you could please bring leaves, flowers, twigs, anything you see on walks, we would greatly appreciate it!



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Hi there!



Airplane wings



Cool structure, Connor!



PreK 2

After being away for the entire month of April, we are so glad that we were able to get back into the Pre-K2 classroom at the start of May and we look forward to the few remaining months we have together before this class if off to kindergarten! Unfortunately, in response to the ongoing pandemic, we lost a few members of our class and certainly will never be able to replace the unique perspectives they brought to our group. Luckily, however, we were able to welcome a few new friends to our class as well. Once again, a big focus of our class this month was in regard to writing. Since many of our students were away from the classroom for roughly seven or eight weeks, it was very important for them get back to engaging in the writing process on a frequent basis and it has been great watching their skills continue to develop. In addition to our daily journal entries, we put those writing skills to use by showing our moms how much we appreciate the things they do for us with short books we wrote for them for Mother's Day. Since we missed most of the start of spring, we spent some time this month learning about seeds, plants, and the water cycle. We added our own little greenhouse to the classroom where we each planted seeds of a wide variety of sunflowers and observed/discussed how changed on a daily basis. We also cleaned up the garden areas outside of our playgrounds and planted some wildflower seeds around the school. Our investigation topic for this month was all about transportation so we spent some time learning about planes, trains, and automobiles. We got to create our own planes, design/build our own cars, and have some fun with our classroom train sets. We even got to wash teacher Bailey's car! Lastly, we changed up our morning meeting a bit to better fit our developmental needs as we've grown so much throughout the year. In addition to our daily number line counting and identifying numbers, we started counting groups of tangible objects, comparing the totals, and working together to put the numbers in order from least to greatest. We also made our way through the alphabet with our letters of week, so we replaced that part of our morning by starting to frequently practice spelling and reading different basic word families.



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Special Class News



Asian Folktales with HaeLim

In the Asian Folktales class, our students were introduced to many stories of sharing and being kind. One of the stories we shared was called "Stone Soup." The story was originally a European folktale, but the illustrator of the book twitched it a little bit and made his illustration set up in China. The villagers from the story were suspicious of each other. They did not want to be friends with their neighbors or want to share what they had. Which kind of reminded us about our situations right now. Together, we created a big paper hug that we will send to Queen Anne Retirement Community. We have not been able to visit them for a long time now! Hope we get to visit them soon and go for a walk together again!



Sharing is Caring ♡



YCA Bikers

Musicality with Ben

We kicked off our return to Musicality by learning a lovely Townes Van Zandt song, "I'll Be Here In The Morning". It's a really sweet song and I love hearing the kids sing it! We've been practicing our social distancing this month by not passing around the special instruments like we usually do. We talked about how it would spread a lot of germs if we passed the same instrument to everyone in the whole school. It's a bit of bummer to refrain from playing each instrument, but we've been making up for it by singing solos with the special instrument. It's wonderful to hear everyone's unique singing voice!



Interesting...

Drama/Movement Class with Kiki

Teacher Kristie (Kiki) is teaching drama and movements class starting last week of May! She has a BA in Music from Sacramento State University in CA and has been teaching private voice and piano lessons for the past 6 years. In addition to teaching, she is very active in the local musical theater community, starring in 3-4 productions a year. She is excited to start this new journey at Young Child Academy and looks forward to meeting all of the children!



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