

## Parent Newsletter

### LOOKING BACK AT AUGUST

During the month of August, the Twos through Preschool learned all about the eX.S.T.R.E.A.M. curriculum themes! They explored different types of weather, tasted some uncommon fruits and listed ways they can help their environment!

The Infants painted blue ovals with their hands and fingers! They also got to explore the gross motor room. The Toddlers made handprint ducks with yellow paint and observed the outside world together on their daily walks!

### LOOKING AHEAD AT C.A.R.E.S.

#### Character Value of the Month

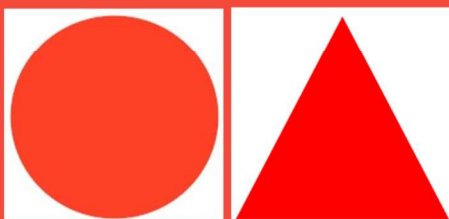
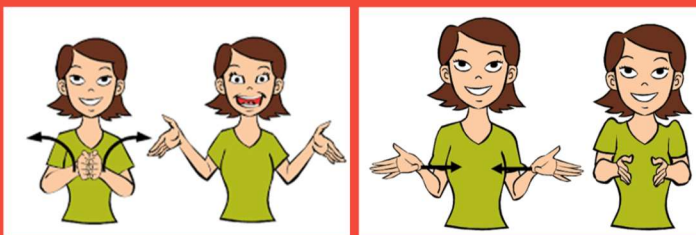
#### "Cooperation"

The feature book this month is Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin!

The Twos, Threes and Pre-K classes will learn all about Our Home & All About Me, Apples, Wild Animals and Pets through interactive learning activities and art projects.

### LOOKING AHEAD AT TODDLERS AND INFANTS

During the month of September, the Infant and Toddler rooms will focus on the color red and the circle and triangle shapes. They will learn and sing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and "Pop Goes the Bunny" together. Their signs of the month are "big" and "little."



We are excited to announce that our **enrichment classes** are returning this month!

**Music Class with Stages Chicago**

Toddlers and Twos on Mondays,  
Threes, PreK and APK on Tuesdays



**Yoga with Ms. Donna**

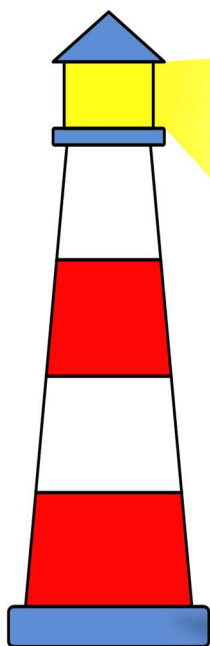
Twos and older, first Friday of the month

**Soccer with Chicago City Soccer Club**

Twos and older, third Friday of the month

**Librarian visit from Alex**

Threes, PreK and APK,  
second Thursday of the month



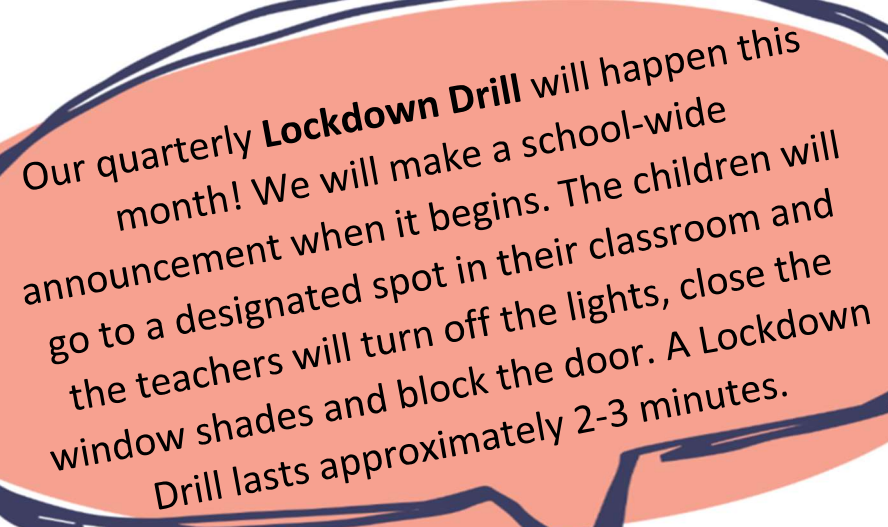
Community Event

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, NOON - 9PM**



**JOIN US FOR A JOYOUS NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVAL**  
INSPIRED BY THE MUSICAL ATMOSPHERE OF THE OLD MAXWELL STREET

**Rockwell St. between Irving Park & Berteau (4121 N. Rockwell)**



Our quarterly **Lockdown Drill** will happen this month! We will make a school-wide announcement when it begins. The children will go to a designated spot in their classroom and the teachers will turn off the lights, close the window shades and block the door. A Lockdown Drill lasts approximately 2-3 minutes.

**We have released our closure dates for the 2021-2022 school year! We are closed for 8 school days each year and have 2 early closure dates.**

Monday, September 6	Closed for Labor Day
Monday, October 11	Early Closure at 3:00pm for Professional Development Training
Thursday, November 25	Closed for Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 26	Closed for Black Friday
Friday, December 24	Closed for Christmas Eve
Monday, December 27	Closed in observance of Christmas Day
Friday, December 31	Closed in observance of New Year's Day
Monday, February 21	Early Closure at 3:00pm for Professional Development Training
Monday, May 30	Closed for Memorial Day
Monday, July 4	Closed for Independence Day

We hold **parent teacher conferences** 3 times each year – in December, March and June. You will have the opportunity at that time to speak with your child's teacher and get an update on their academic progress.



## Hearing & Vision Screenings on October 7

Hearing and vision screenings are required by the state of Illinois for kids ages 3 and older. We bring in a third-party company once annually to provide these screenings onsite.

You may choose for your child to receive a hearing screening only (for children who have glasses, etc). If you would like to opt your child out completely, you must provide proof that these screenings were performed elsewhere.

Forms to sign up for the screening and submit payment will be distributed later this month (\*if current Covid guidelines allow). Please let us know if you have any questions!

### Important Reminders!

- We will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day!
- Our last Water Day for the summer is September 1<sup>st</sup>!
- As the weather changes, please make sure to bring weather-appropriate clothing for your child to keep at school for outside play.
- Please ask your teacher to check your child's cubby often for important notices, art projects and soiled clothing to be taken home.
- A face mask is still required for entry into the school for anyone over the age of 2! Remember to talk to your children about wearing masks at school. Our teachers are working hard to encourage mask wearing and social distancing when possible.