

August 2020 Newsletter

YMCA EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Our summer here was shorter than normal, but we still had a great time! We are look forward to kicking off the 2020-2021 school year with our STREAMin3 curriculum.

To learn more, please visit: <https://curry.virginia.edu/faculty-research/centers-labs-projects/castl/streamin3-curriculum-model-pilot>

STREAMin³
Integrated | Intentional | Interactions

Supplies: For the upcoming school year we want to make sure that your child has everything that they need for a smooth transition. Teachers will distribute a detailed list of what is needed for their rooms once we get closer to August 17.

Parents: Please be mindful of our 9 am policy. Your child must be dropped off prior to 9 am or they will not be able to come for the day. The infant classrooms should be here no later than 10 am. We have so many exciting things going on in the morning with our curriculum, we encourage you to bring your child on time so they can participate.

No outside food or drinks permitted in our center. Please do not bring food into the center for your child in the morning, and sippy cups should only contain water, as juice is not permitted.

We look forward to an exciting year of fun, learning and exploration with your child!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

2020-2021 REGISTRATION:

All enrollment forms with supporting documents **must be submitted prior to August 13** to secure spots beginning August 17. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. All account balances **MUST** be paid prior to registering for new school year.

Kona Ice Party - August 7

We will be celebrating the end of the summer and the start of a new school year by inviting the Kona Ice Truck to us for a Flash Freeze party!



ELC CLOSED—August 14

The Early Learning Center will be **closed** on August 14 to allow our teachers to have a Professional Development Day. We appreciate your support and understanding, as these days don't come often and are extremely important for the teachers to continue their ongoing training.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Royal– 8/7

Ms. Jasmyne– 8/22

Georgia– 8/24

Conrad– 8/24

Anthony– 8/31

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closing updates and
pictures, please be sure
to check our FB page:**

**[https://
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YMCAEarlyLearning/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/YMCAEarlyLearning/)**



CLASSROOM NEWS

Infant 1

We would like to welcome the three babies who have joined us: Carter, Willa, and Easton! We are so excited to have them. This month's theme is the jungle. Our class will be learning about all the different kinds of animals that live there, what they look like, and the noises they make. We will also create fun crafts and explore the plants around us, as if we were in the jungle. The infant 1 teachers would like to remind all parents to make sure your child has **extra season appropriate clothes**. Thank you!

Infant 2

Summer is speeding by very quickly! We have been enjoying it here in the infant 2 classroom! We are still working on our family tree, so if you have not sent a family photo, please do so soon. This month we will be working on sensory skills by participating in paint activities. If you have any **old big T-shirts at home** that you wouldn't mind bringing in to cover your child from the paint, please bring them in! As always, we will continue to work on gross and fine motor skills with all of the children.

Toddler

We are still enjoying STREAMin3 activities! We will be exploring water this month by observing what can sink and float, using water colors, and creating bubbles with soap and water. All of the children have been doing a great job picking up on new vocabulary and how to use the words properly! We are excited to continue to watch them learn this month.

Twos

We are so excited to start the new school year with your children. This month we are doing fun "back to school" activities. We will practice the letters L and S, and work on the shapes circle and square. During the month of August we would like to begin working on potty training with our friends who have not started. The twos room will making yummy ice cream and ribbon wands this month as well! Stay tuned for pictures!

Threes

We have a super fun month planned! This month, we will be putting our brains to the test as we challenge ourselves to build cool things like boats, 3D sculptures, rocket balloons, and MORE! We will also be exploring splatter paint and salt painting, as well as conducting an outside scavenger hunt! A new class pet will also be joining us at the end of the month, be on the lookout for pictures!

Pre K

Welcome to the new school year! This month we will be focusing on cognitive flexibility, early writing, and self confidence! We will do lots of activities including making rocket balloons, building 3D shape sculptures, ribbon wands, and an outdoor scavenger hunt. We will be focusing on letters P, N, C, and K and the numbers 4, 5, 6, and 7. We will also continue to work on names. It's a fun month to be a Pre-K kid!