April 2021

Family of the Month: The Langlois Family FIM Facts



Meet the Langlois Family...

Jim, Emily & Mackenzie joined the Little Stars family in July of Last Year in our Infant Room!

We've had a blast building relationships with this whole family over the past couple of months as well as

watching Mackenzie develop and grow. She has the biggest smile and just shines in and out of the classroom!

We are beyond appreciative of the lovalty and dedication the Langlois family has made to the Star Family! Mackenzie is truly a SHINING star! Thank you for allowing us the privilege of caring for Mackenzie and being part of your families' educational journey. Watching Mackenzie grow reminds us every day why we love what we do! We are so grateful to have all of you part of the Little Stars Family!

What activities does your family enjoy? We enjoy going to the local parks and Kenzie loves the swings! Now that it is starting to get warm out, we love going to the local ice cream shops!

What is your family's favorite foods? Mac & Cheese, fruit and most importantly ice cream!

What is your favorite school Memory? Dropping Mackenzie off and her giving happy kicks when she saw the teachers coming to get her!

Does your family have a favorite vacation spot? **Because of COVID we have** not been able to travel yet but Mackenzie loves to go to the airport and see her dad at work. She hopes that maybe her dad will be her pilot on her first



flight. Mackenzie is also excited to go visit Vermont this summer.



Do you have any pets? Two dogs, Buster and Bessie! **Mackenzie and Bessie are best** friends.

Teacher of the Month: Ms. Nadia

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Let's clap, tap, clap for our teacher of the month....Ms. Nadia! She is one of our AWESOME, STELLAR teachers in our Preschool Classroom. Ms. Nadia moved from Texas in December and joined our Star Family of teachers and continues to WOW us each and every day! The children enjoy learning letters, syllables and songs with Ms. Nadia each day...especially clapping and tapping to learn the ABCs along with dancing to silly songs!

Ms. Nadia, Little Stars is fortunate that you have chose our school as your new home. We thank you for bringing your SHINING light into the classroom, radiating positive vibes with your smile, and providing lots of love to your children. WE LOVE YOU!

> Little Stars SHINES because of teachers like YOU! Ms. Nadia, Congrats on being TEACHER OF THE MONTH!

Nurse Terry's Tips: Wellness Exams Are So Important

Spring is here and it's time for new beginnings! Let's start off by making sure every child is up to date with their Annual Wellness Exams. It is so important for your child's health to have a Wellness Exam every year. This is not just for immunizations, but to also catch any early on-set health problems that may occur. Also, please note: if your child is four, they must be screened for vision and hearing problems. It is required by State Licensing that we have a copy of your child's Wellness Exam and shot records on file and updated yearly, audits can be done at any time as well. Your child's file is considered incomplete until this information is received.

With those beautiful flowers come pesky creatures: bees, wasps, yellow jackets, hornets, and fire ants. Here are some tips to keep your child safe from insect stings:

- Check for nests in play areas, for instance, old tree stumps, around rotting wood, in holes in the ground, auto tires, and around trash cans.
- Don't allow children who are allergic to insects play outside alone when stinging insects are active. Even a dead insect can sting if a child steps on it or picks it up.
 - Wear shoes. Avoid sandals or going barefoot.
- When eating outdoors, avoid foods such as tuna, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and water-melon. Sweetened drinks, frozen sweet treats, and ice cream also attract insects.
- ☼ If an insect is near, DO NOT SWAT at it or RUN. These actions can trigger an attack. Walk away slowly. If you DISTURB A NEST and the insects swarm around you, curl up as tightly as you can, face down and cover your head with your arms which reduces exposed skin.

Pre-K Graduation Info!

It is hard to believe the end of the school year is only two months away! Cap and gowns have been ordered and we will be sending Graduation Information packets soon. More details about the ceremony will be coming in May! Tentatively graduation has been set for Friday, May 28th. In addition, we will be sending home a "Program Withdrawal/ Change in Schedule" notice. We are hopeful that many of our Pre-K students will be staying to attend our Summer Program. Please feel free to stop by the office if you have any questions.

Water Bottles

Please be sure to bring a

with your child daily. With the summer quickly approaching we want to make sure the children are staying hydrated.

Spring Fling

This week is our Annual Spring Fling
Party on Tuesday, April 6th. Every child
is asked to bring in (a specific number
for the class) goodie filled eggs for the
egg hunt. The BUNNY will be visiting
along with many other party festivities
including party snack, craft and have an

egg hunt on their playground.

Sign-ups have been emailed by your child's teachers:-)

Summertime = Sunscreen Time!

Getting Hot, Hot, Hot!

We will start to apply Sunscreen beginning Monday, June 8th. Sunscreen is provided for Toddler through Pre-K children.

A consent form will be attached to the front entrance doors, in order to give your child's teacher permission to apply

sunscreen. Sunscreen will ONLY be applied in the afternoons, so please be sure to apply sunscreen in the morning prior to attending school.

CURRICULUM CORNER Gross Motor Skills

Last month our main focus was Fine Motor; this month we want to focus on Gross Motor Skills! Gross Motor is so important for developing strength, balance and coordination in a child's large muscles. It helps with confidence and promotes daily physical exercise and a healthy lifestyle as well. Below is a list of fun activities you can introduce to your child at home:



- *Throw, eatch or kick a ball with your child.
- *Have run races or play chase/tag together.
- *Challenge your child to move like various animals (bear walk, crab walk, slither like a snake, t-rex walk, hop like a frog)
- *Provide your child with a bike or scooter to practice balance and coordination.
- *Make frequent visits to your local park. Encourage your child to climb, challenge them to "skip" on the monkey bars, and teach them how to use their arms and legs to go higher on the swings.
- *Play movement songs or yoga videos your child can watch and learn from.
- *Enroll your child into individual or team sports such as soccer, t-ball, flag football, dance, gymnastics, swimming or martial arts.
- *Create an obstacle course using hoola-hoops to jump in, cones to run around and tunnels to climb through.





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Important Dates for April

Friday, April 2nd:

OPEN on Good Friday

Tuesday, April 6th:

Spring Fling Party

Monday-Friday, April 26th & 30th

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Looking Forward to May

Monday, May 3rd—Friday, May 7th:

Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday, May 7th:

Mother's Day Tea Party

Friday, May 28th:

Pre-K Gradations

Monday, May 31st:

We are CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

