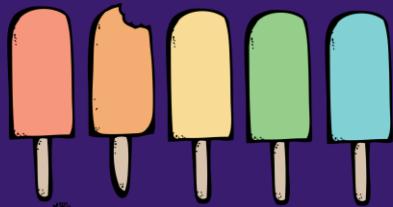




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A Newsletter for Families
July 2019



Thoughts from your Legacy Team...

Happy Independence Day!!

What a time of celebration and good cheer. Oh, the colors in the air...red, white, blue, green, pink, etc. And the sounds! Beware for the younger crowd as they tend NOT to like those loud noises! Who can forget the food! Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings, potato salad (chips for the kids), ice cream and the list can go on and on and on. I know there are lots of counties with celebrations, festivals and fireworks planned for the July 4th celebration. Be sure to find an activity that's right for your family in your area.

The Water Park is a huge success!! The children have had a very wet and wonderful time playing in the park. Thank you for your cooperation in getting what your child needs for successful water play days. What good is summer if you can't get wet?

Don't forget the sunscreen!!

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July Class Themes of the Month



Dreamers ~ Theme: Water Babies

It's never too early to "get your feet wet", so babies will enjoy all of these summer fun activities. They will be learning about things that go, making land and water books, and even immersing themselves in body painting. Our Brain Power activities include Sink and Float, water painting, and Fourth of July Jell-O. The nursery rhyme of the month is *Jack and Jill* and our key experiences center around movement and music.



Travelers ~ Theme: Dip, Dive, and Dig

Would you rather dip, dive, or dig? Travelers will be doing a little bit of everything with a great reward of creating their own sundaes at the end of the month! Summertime is the time for games and traditional vacation activities. We will take Circle Time outside, read, paint, and play games in the patio shade. The nursery rhyme of the month is *Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling*, and our key experiences focus on communication.



Adventurers ~ Theme: Bubbles, Bears, Blocks, and Boxes

July will be a busy, busy, month in the Adventurer classroom. We have selected lots of wonderful books about bears and bubbles, too! We will be talking about what good friends do and we will learn about the Fourth of July. The nursery rhyme of the month is *Three Blind Mice*; Revised and our key experiences focus on exploring objects, early quantity and number, communication and language, and movement.



Discoverers ~ Theme: Birthdays, Booms, and Bangs

Did you know that only the birthdays of royalty were celebrated first? That is why wearing birthday crowns is a tradition. We'll celebrate birthdays throughout the month while weaving key experiences into art, music, literacy, and movement activities. As for booms and bangs, our Fourth of July activities have that covered! The rhyme of the month is *London Bridge* and our character-building word of the month is Responsibility.



Voyagers ~ Theme: Balloons, Bottles, and Beach Balls

Have you ever wanted to ride in a hot air balloon? We may not be able to provide the real thing, but we can pretend and read about the adventures of those who do travel in balloons through the skies! July will be filled with cool summertime activities that will keep Voyagers challenged and curious. Our character-building word of the month is compassion and our key experiences focus on language and literacy, classification, creative representation, and numbers.



Explorers ~ Summer Camp: The Magnificent World of Legacy

Campers will go on an adventure to explore the magic of movie making, learn about the animation process, and even make their own movies! They will journey through a world of jungles, islands, and oceans to discover the beauty of nature and other cultures. Their wildest imaginations will come alive as they become designers, engineers, and entrepreneurs in a world of their own fantasy and creation.

July

Dreamers



Math- Students will learn about the mathematical concept of "more". They will also have the opportunity to build number awareness with counting, focusing on the numbers one and two.

Science- This month, Dreamers will have the opportunity to explore their sense of touch and discover that they can make things happen and solve simple problems.

Social Studies- Dreamers will strengthen their emerging sense of self and others and foster a positive identity.

Travelers



Math- This month, our math lessons will include shape sorting and learning about the mathematical concept of big and small.

Science- Travelers will focus on the concept of sink vs. float and discovering the characteristics of "nighttime". We will reinforce that the moon means nighttime and the sun means daytime.

Social Studies- Toddlers will learn about the community in which they live and learn about emotions to strengthen their sense of self and others.

Adventurers



Math- Our math lessons will include color identification and shape identification. Children will focus on the primary colors and circles, squares, and triangles.

Science- Adventurers will learn about fish habitats and why they have to stay in water to survive. They will also explore color mixing and which colors we mix to make green, purple, and orange.

Social Studies- These activities will focus on giving children opportunities to be a part of the classroom community so that each child feels accepted and gains a sense of belonging. They will also learn about emotions and how to be a good classmate.

Discoverers



Math- This month, Discoverers will focus on building our understanding of numbers and their relationships to object quantities. We will also explore recognizing patterns.

Science- We will be discovering rockets this month! They will get to make their own straw rockets and see how far they can go. We will also learn about volcanoes and create our own lava eruption!

Social Studies- Children will learn about the community they live in and learn about why we celebrate Independence Day. They will also learn about the Pony Express and how our mail system worked way back when.

Voyagers



Math- This month, Voyagers will learn about the number of stars on flags past and present.

Science- This month, we will learn about gravity and experiment with defying it. We will also learn about galaxies and make our own galaxy bottles.

Social Studies- Children will participate in creating a classroom constitution, allowing them to contribute to the wellbeing of their classroom. They will also learn about the past and the way of life when televisions and refrigerators did not exist.

Motivating Children

There are two types of motivation: **extrinsic** and **intrinsic**. **Extrinsic** motivation occurs when we are motivated to perform a behavior or engage in an activity to earn a reward or avoid punishment. **Intrinsic** motivation occurs when we are motivated because it is personally rewarding, rather than the desire for some external reward.

An example of extrinsic motivation could be exercising to lose weight, while an example of intrinsic motivation could be exercising to relieve stress. As your child grows and begins to navigate through the world they are motivated extrinsically and intrinsically. There are some instances where extrinsic motivation is effective. However, according to the National Mental Health and Education Center **children are more likely to learn and retain information when they are intrinsically motivated**. Since intrinsically motivated activity is more rewarding in and of itself, *children learn more from this sort of activity, and they retain that learning better*. Intrinsically motivated children are more involved in their own learning and development.

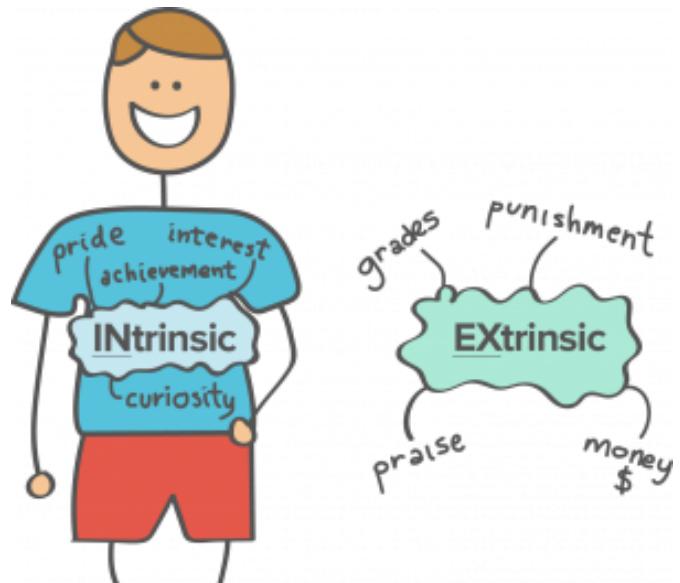
At **Legacy Academy** we encourage and build intrinsic motivation within our students.

This is why we do not use behavior tracking in our classrooms. Behavior tracking is a reward/punishment system.

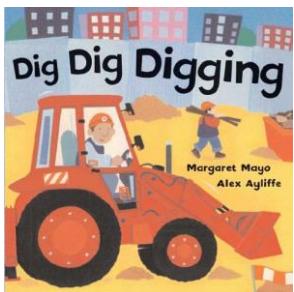
For example: If you are good you get to stay on green or get a sticker and if you are "bad" you move to red or get a sticker taken away. We want our students to behave well because they feel good when they have positive interactions with their classmates and teachers.

This is also why our curriculum includes a [Character-Building Word for the Month](#).

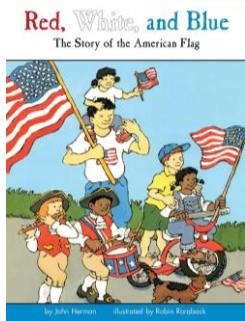
Students have the opportunity to learn and discuss what words like pride, helpful, courteous, sharing, and kindness mean and what they look like in action. Legacy Academy teachers discuss with students why being a good citizen and demonstrating good character can make you feel good about yourself and they strive to foster that intrinsic motivation.



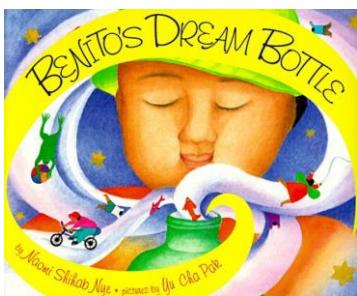
July Books



Dig Dig Digging
By: Margaret Mayo



Red, White, and Blue
By: John Herman



Benito's Dream Bottle
By: Naomi Shihab Nye

Ice Excavation Activity

Supplies

Water
Beads, pipe cleaners, ribbon, confetti, etc.
Safe Excavating tools
Bottle of warm water



Directions

1. Add materials like beads, sequins, ribbon, etc. to a large bowl of water. For younger children, use larger items like toys. Freeze until solid.
2. Use a bin to contain the melting water as the activity progresses. Give your child safe excavating tools like tweezers, safety scissors, child sized shovel, tongs, butter knife etc.
3. Excavate! Let children explore with how to break down the ice and get the treasures out! **Supervise closely** as there are many small pieces. Squeeze bottles of warm water help speed up the process.

Extend the activity by asking your child(ren) what they think will be the most effective in getting their treasures out ★ Try repeating this activity over and over again with different toys!

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