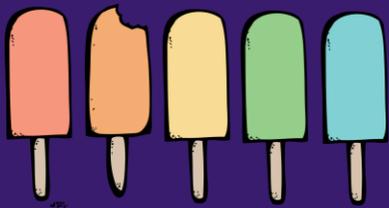




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# Legacy Lines

*A Newsletter for Families*  
July 2022



## We Are Having a Blast In Summer Camp!!!

Dear Parents,

Summer is so much fun here at Legacy Academy! This month we will be focusing on “Good Old Summer Time”. The Little Legacies will enjoy some awesome learning experiences that we have planned! Some activities include outside adventures, water play, using their creativity to build, and using their imagination bringing the beach into the classroom!!! We love learning through play!!!

Our Campers cannot wait to see what is in store for the second half of Summer Camp! They are enjoying their different adventures and are having a blast with the competitions and new learning experiences!!!

Our Splash Pad is now open! Please send in a swimsuit/trunk, swim shoes, towel, sunscreen, and a change of clothing for your child on their designated day!

Please remember to send in an extra change of weather appropriate clothing, and a labeled water bottle for your child!!!

Legacy Academy will be closed on Monday July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day! We hope that everyone has a safe and fun-filled holiday!!!

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### Let's Celebrate

**Independence Day**  
Monday, July 4th



## 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.

## Open-Ended Questions at Home

Every month, a Parent Letter is displayed outside of Legacy Academy classrooms or emailed to you to inform you of what your child(ren) will be learning. These parent letters are intended to increase communication as well as provide you with ways to integrate different classroom topics at home. In the School-Home Learning Connections section in August's Parent Letter, family members are encouraged to ask children questions about their day and are given suggestions on how to approach those questions.

Voyagers: August Planning Pages  
(4 Year Olds)  
~ 3 – 4 Open the Door ~

### Legacy Academy August Parent Letter for 3-4 Open the Door

	
<p><b>Dear Parents,</b> Do you remember your first teacher? Do you remember your first school experience? At Legacy we strive to make each first school experience a memorable and positive one. Each child is special. Each child is unique. It is our mission to provide your child with the highest quality and care and educational programming. We work in partnership with you. Our Parent Pages provide the avenue for 2-way communication. We hope you will enjoy reading about Legacy activities and how they impact and enhance your child's learning. Please complete the Response Page at the end of each month.</p>	
Theme	3 – 4 Open the Door
Focus	New Beginnings, Routine, Self-Image
Key Experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative representation/drawing, painting</li> <li>• Exploring, comparing, describing the attributes of things/people</li> <li>• Making books/dictating stories/writing in various ways</li> <li>• Having fun with language</li> <li>• Making choices, plans and decisions</li> <li>• Moving in locomotor ways</li> <li>• Starting and stopping on signal</li> <li>• Sorting and matching</li> </ul>

Please continue reading for monthly reading, learning connections, nursery rhyme, and parent page:

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Voyagers: August Planning Pages  
(4 Year Olds)  
~ 3 – 4 Open the Door ~

### Legacy Academy August Parent Letter for 3 – 4 Open the Door

	<p><b>Read To Me</b> <i>Who Am I? What Will Mommy Do When I'm At School? My First Day of School When You Go to Kindergarten</i></p>
	<p><b>School-Home Learning Connections</b> <b>Tell Me About Your Day</b> When children first begin school, parents often say, "What did you do in school today?" They are miffed when the child says, "Played. Went outside, or ate lunch." The new day is often overwhelming. Ask specific questions: Did you go to the Art Area? Did you build in blocks? Who did you work with today? Was Paul at school? Did you sing <i>Bingo</i>? You may get yes or no answers, but you will get more information! Set aside a time each day to talk about school.</p>
<p>Nursery Rhyme</p>	<p><b>Humpty Dumpty</b> Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty back together again.</p>

Please continue reading for parent response page:

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Here are some more ideas on questions to ask your child at home. Open-ended questions such as these will better help your child learn and develop. Open-ended questions stimulate curiosity, inspire creativity, develop language skills, and build vocabulary.

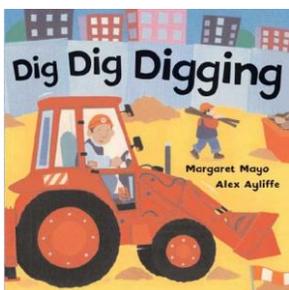
### Questions for Reading Together

What was your favorite part of the story and why?  
If you were \_\_\_\_ (character), what would you have done differently?  
What is another way this story could end?  
Which character would you like to be friends with? Why?

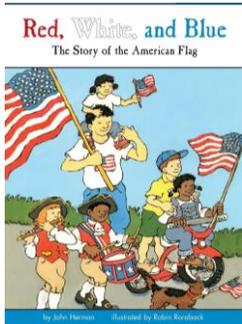
### Questions at the Grocery Store

Why do you think this \_\_\_\_ (type of food) is here?  
What is your favorite food? Why?  
What colors/shapes do you see?  
What else is on our list?  
How many items do you think we have in our cart?  
What can you find that starts with the letter \_\_\_\_?

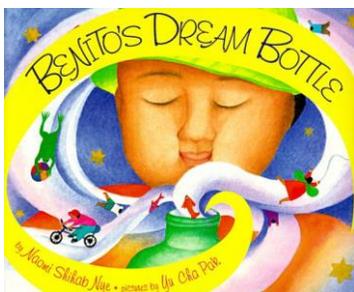
## July Books



**Dig Dig Digging**  
By: Margaret Mayo



**Red, White, and Blue**  
By: John Herman



**Benito's Dream Bottle**  
By: Naomi Shihab Nye

## Lemon Volcanos

### Supplies

- Lemon
- Lemon Juice
- Baking Soda
- Popsicle stick
- Tray or dish
- Food coloring (optional)
- Dish soap (optional)



### Directions

1. Prep the lemon by rolling it on the counter. This will help loosen the juice inside.
2. Cut off the bottom of the lemon to make it flat so the lemon will stand up without rolling away. Try not to cut into the flesh of the lemon or you may end up with a leaky volcano.
3. Cut into the top of the lemon to make a hole.
4. Place the lemon volcano onto the tray. Use the popsicle stick to squish the lemon pulp to release the juice. Scrape the sides along the inside of the lemon, but try not to puncture the bottom.
5. Add a teaspoon of baking soda to the lemon to activate the volcano. Watch it foam up and come to life.
6. When the volcano slows down add more baking soda and lemon juice to continue experimenting with chemical reactions.
7. Add a few drops of dish soap and food coloring to add some extra pizzazz to the experiment.

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