



Green Beginnings Chicago News

Take a peek into our classrooms and see what we have been discovering!

A Message from Katie and Krissy

Thank you to all the families who stopped by before the movie in the park to chat and get to know each other better. We look forward to having more family events!



Upcoming events

- Green Beginnings is sponsoring the **Saturday, August 9th** event at Skinner Park entitled **Skinner Tots Olympics**. Join us for games, races, sports and fun from **10:00am-1:00pm** for ages 1-5.
- **Union Park Community Farmers Market** is scheduled to begin **Tuesdays from 4pm-8pm**. Take the kids over after pick-up to choose fresh veggies for dinner!

New Faces at GB

We are growing! Check out our new friends who enrolled in July!

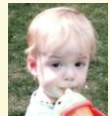
Seedlings:
Lucy McDonald



Stanley Hill



Sprouts:
Sebastian DiClaudio



Buds:
Ajay Samineni



Mathew Manuel



Blossoms:
Nathan Manuel



Birthdays of the Month

July

- Ms. Brittany July 3
- Nurse Jen July 13
- Harper Yuen July 18
- Mallory Murphy July 30
- Kyle Schott (Finn's Dad) July 22
- Ryan Arnswald (Jackson's Dad) July 26
- Ms. Jisela July 28
- Rolando Santoyo (Noah's Dad) July 31

August

- Venu Samineni (Ajay's Dad) August 4th
- Ms. Larrita August 7th
- Ava Larsen August 14
- Kellen Murphy (Mallory's Mom) August 16
- Eduardo Torres (Aurelia's Dad) August 20
- Ms. Janet August 23
- Katy McDonald (Lucy's mom) August 25



Seedlings

Ms. Larrita, Ms. Toi, Ms. Jewel, and Ms. Brittany

Seedlings have been practicing verbal and nonverbal communication by watching and hearing the teacher use movement words such as *roll the ball* or *push the car*. Seedlings are signing *more* and are

practicing the signs for *eat, drink, friends* and *thank you*.

We made sensory bottles out of rice and seeds, and for science, we explored our pet

millipedes and roly pollies! We also enjoyed observing different clouds while on our nature walk.

We combined food exploration with art this month as we made fireworks by dipping red, white, and blue paint in broccoli and stamping it on paper. We printed with strawberries to create ladybugs, and made clouds by sprinkling flour on paper with glue. We also created funny faces using the print of a mango.

We have been practicing our downward dog yoga exercises and are getting our muscles



Sprouts

Ms. Fran, Ms. Iisela, and Ms. Janet

July was a blast! We enjoyed getting the full summer experience with outdoor exploration opportunities such as playing soccer and basketball, taking our nature walks, planting and gardening, and, of course, sprinkler Fridays! We met some new and interesting friends, Harper Franke and Emery Ja, who transferred over from the Seedling room and let's not forget our creepy crawly friend 'Amelia the millipede'. Although outside was awesome, we didn't neglect our indoor activities. We enjoyed food exploration, science experiments, arts & crafts, sensory play, building & engineering, and yoga & fitness. As you can perhaps tell, the 4th of July isn't the only thing that went off with a bang!



Buds

Ms. Judy & Mr. Jorge

August is here and summer is in full swing in the Buds room! We've been exploring water in many different ways. We busted out the water table for some outside water fun. We carried spray bottles to cool us all off on long walks and to water our classroom's garden box.

To go along with our ocean theme, we added fish and sand to our spectacular art projects. We have made fish handprints, painted an ocean full of fish, and created "footprints in the sand".

The Buds class has been growing a little bit more as we welcomed 2 new friends this past month!



Blossoms

Ms. Devon

Last week, the kids went around the school to take a vote as to whether we should make pizza or soup with the vegetables we grew in our garden (arugula and radishes were the healthiest of the bunch). I'm sure you aren't surprised to hear that pizza won! We reviewed the recipe for pizza and discussed which ingredients we were able to use from our garden, which ingredients we could use from Ms. Devon's garden at home, and which ingredients we would need to buy from the store. The kids watched short video clips in order to learn how to harvest arugula and radishes. They then gathered their tools, and went to work! After harvesting, the kids washed and trimmed the veggies and set them aside for the following day. After a quick review of our recipe and the gathering of our ingredients/tools, the kids got right to work chopping, measuring, and spreading the ingredients. The pizza came out great, and the kids loved it! The Blossoms shared their creation with the other classrooms and teachers. We look forward to continuing our "garden to table"



