



LIL' & TINY RAMS

TINY RAMS TIMES AUGUST 2019

Hello!

We are having such a hard time believing that summer is over! We sure had a lot of fun and made so many great memories this summer! Everyone spent lots of time swimming and on the playground enjoying the great weather. Preschool and the toddlers had a lot of fun at the park and preschool went on many fantastic field trips. Some of our favorites were the zoo, Lake Manawa Dreamland Park, Mahoney State Park, Burger King Play Area with kid's meals, and swimming! We are excited for the end of summer party on Thursday, August 8th. There will be a bounce house AND a visit from the Kona Ice truck; we hope to see you all there! As sad as we are that summer is ending, we are very excited about the new school year. We are going to learn all about ourselves and back to school basics.

Did you know that August is National Family Fun Month? What a great reason to spend extra time with loved ones with lots of fun activities! Here are some great ways the whole family can have fun together: order pizza and watch a movie in the backyard, go camping, go out for ice cream, campfire in the backyard, build a fort, family bike ride, go to the zoo, go fishing, go hiking, go to a local park, cook together, make an obstacle course, or have a dance party!

- Your Tiny Rams Team

THEMES:

"Summer Treats, Back to School, All About Me"

SAVE THE DATE:

August 8th – End of Summer Party 3-4:30pm

CLOSINGS:

August 9th
September 2nd

BIRTHDAYS:

Aug. 23rd – Hannah T.

REMINDERS:

Please be sure to have your child wash their hands upon arrival each day!

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES:

Aug 6th – Emily 5 years
Aug. 13th – Josie 1 year
Aug. 14th – Kalli 2 years

STAFF NEWS:

After 4 wonderful years, Miss Lauren has decided to accept a job working with at-risk youth. Join us in wishing her the best of luck! We will miss you, Lauren!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Katie: "My real name isn't Katie, it's Kathleen"

Liam: "You mean I've been saying it wrong this whole time?!"

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Infants

Teachers: Megan, Shelby & Brooklyn

August already? Where did Summer break go?! August will be filled with lots of end of summer and beginning of school year fun! We will make and feel a watermelon squish bag and observe a popsicle melt. We are going to have a s'mores sensory bin and enjoy them as a special treat. We will measure how tall we are with strings, make "my first day of school" handprints, and sing, "The Wheels on the Bus." We are also going to take a picture on the first day of school to see how much we have grown and changed by the end of the school year!

In August, the oldest friends are going to transition into the infant/toddler room. They will also work on problem solving and trying to do things themselves (i.e. hand washing and cleaning up toys). The friends in the middle are working on using nice touches and picking up toys before moving on to the next activity. Our youngest friend will work towards crawling and eating at the table. Finally, the newest friends will become used to their new environment and friends.



Babies enjoying some water play on the playground!



All aboard the Toddler Train!

Toddlers

Teachers: Hadassah, Kalli & Meghan B.

School is back in session and we are going to welcome lots of old friends back to our classroom. Lots of changes will happen in the toddler rooms, as a few of us are moving to preschool and we will gain many new friends from the baby room. We are going to work on handwriting and numbers. The children will help establish our classroom rules. We will celebrate that it is still summer and make some summery treat art projects, try to make no-freeze slushies, as well as, edible banana marshmallow slime!

Another focus in August will be ALL ABOUT ME! We will talk about how many children are in the classroom, who is new, and find differences and similarities between us. We are going to play games to help teach self-control and talk about personal space. We will also measure how big our feet are and create self-portraits.

Preschool

Teachers: Emily (Miss E.), Shannon & Brooklyn

Welcome, new and returning students to the 2019-2020 school year! This month we will learn all about me by creating self portraits and discussing likes and dislikes. We are going to work on recognizing our first and last names, along with writing them. Our class will explore how to mix colors to create a new color and learn how you can use shapes to make a picture. We will practice using scissors, as well as, learning the sounds and how to write letters L, F, and E.

We will create classroom rules together and make sure we are doing our best to follow them. We will also get back to our school routine. We are going to develop social skills by raising our hands, interacting with friends, and playing in centers. We recently got brand new shelves and chairs, so we will make sure we take really good care of them!



Preschool had a blast on all the summer field trips!

STAFF BIO OF THE MONTH

Katie

"My favorite part about working at Tiny Rams is building relationships with the children, families, and fellow teachers. I love making a difference in the lives of children! "



Hello, I'm Katie, and I am the center director at Tiny Rams. I have worked for Ralston Schools Foundation for nearly 16 years! I am a Ralston alumni and have an Associate's Degree in Photography. I have a CDA (Child Development Associate) credential, as well. You can reach me at katie_watkins@ralstonschools.org

I have a three year old little boy named Clark. I am the youngest of five children! I have three brothers (Eric, Jeff, and Dan) and one sister (Kristin). My siblings have blessed me with 8 nephews and 2 nieces. When I'm not at work, I love spending time with my family, reading, cooking, doing yoga, and being outside.

SOME OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:

Movie: "Wizard of Oz" T.V. Show: "Dexter" & "How I Met Your Mother"

Season: Fall Vacation Spot: The Beach or Mountains

Holiday: Thanksgiving Drink: Coke Zero Color: Purple

Food: All the food! Book: Impossible to choose!

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