



TINY RAMS TIMES

SUMMER 2022

Hooray for Summer!

We learned a lot this last school year and now we are ready for some summer fun! Our preschool friends have so many exciting field trips planned and our toddler and infant friends have some outdoor activities planned as well!

- Your Tiny Rams Team

THEMES:

"Summer, Father's Day, Sticky, 4th of July, Ocean, Vacation"

SAVE THE DATE:

May 31st: 1st Day of Summer!

June 17th: Donuts with Dad 3pm

July 4th: CLOSED for Independence Day

August 5th: Last Day of Summer

TUITION:

Tuition will be pulled from your account every Friday. The first deduction date is 6/5, the last deduction date is 8/7

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you need to reach your child's teacher, please contact them by their classroom's direct phone number shared in the WAYS TO CONNECT section of this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS:

June 4th – Bennett
June 4th – Ellison
June 16th – Leo
July 20th – James

REMINDERS:

Please send your child with a spray sunscreen and face stick as we will apply sunscreen each and every time we go outside.

Please be sure your child's extra clothing is size and weather appropriate.

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CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Infants

Teachers: Lily

This summer we will be focusing on more interactive activities. We will be doing many fine motor activities such as peeling tape and picking pom poms out of a whisk. Sensory activities are also planned for this summer. From bins to bags, we have themed sensory projects for loads of exploration! Finally, we have art projects that the babies can do on their own such as tearing paper to make a collage, paint squish bags, and painting with all different kinds of materials! As always, we will work on our physical development including tummy time and sitting on our own!



Infant/Toddlers

Teachers: Heather & Yessica

We will be enjoying our summer by doing water activities and enjoying visits from various community helpers. For our Summer Theme we will be squish painting, sorting pool noodle pieces into different patterns, and work on sink and float. For Father's Day we are going to make a special paper plate craft, sort shapes, and make oil and water sensory bags. Our friends will have fun with our Disney theme by making paper plate Minions, sort items into color piles, and then learning about hot and cold by making Elsa's frozen hands. To celebrate the 4th of July, we will be making a firework painting, color match stars, and exploring fizzing fireworks made of baking soda and vinegar. For the Ocean theme we are going to make an ocean foil painting, count fish crackers, and do an electric eel experiment with baking soda and vinegar. During our Vacation theme we are going to make a foot painting, count Cheerios, and see if paper cups can hold our weight.

What we are working on: We are working on staying together as a group while walking in the school. We are also learning to be gentle with friends. We will also work on water safety during our water days.



CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Toddlers

Teachers: Amber, Sarah & Emilie

This summer we will have lots of fun! We are going to have 1 park day a week on Wednesdays and 4 water days. Mondays will be "Not wet water day" where we'll be doing things like ice painting, 'surfing', and water based sensory bags. Tuesdays will be Water science, where we will be figuring out how to make things sink and float, making bubbles, and magnetic fishing. Thursday and Friday we will be doing body water play and these are the days they will need their bathing suits or shorts and a t-shirt that can get wet. Our wonderful assistant director Ms. Shannon's husband built us a sprinkler system we're so excited to use!!

We are revamping our dramatic play area into a sports arena type play area. If anyone has any toys, they would like to donate to help with this that would be fantastic! We're looking for basket hoop(s), tiny people darts, soccer goal(s), baseball, and football anything, and balls for all of it. If you would like to donate, please talk to Ms. Amber, Ms. Sarah or Ms. Megan.



What we are working on:

Our focus this summer is communication with our friends. We've been making fantastic progress with this already and are excited to continue learning to use our calm voices and words.

Preschool

Teachers: Emily (Miss E) & Shannon, Anna & Eva

Summer is a fun time in the preschool room! We will be going to the pool every Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure your child has a suit, towel and if needed a coast guard approved life jacket and have everything labeled with your child's name. We will be going on field trips every Tuesday and Thursday. Please check the schedule to make sure your child has things they need; socks, shoes, ect. Also make sure your child is here an hour before a field trip and before 830 to have breakfast!

We are looking forward to on site visitors from the Bug Guy, Rainbow Trout the clown, and the librarian! We will also be doing cooking activities, tie dye shirts, and our preschoolers will do a service project for the humane society. Please make sure your child has a water bottle each day as we will be having lots of fun in the sun and heat!



MEET OUR DIRECTORS



SARA RYAN

Hi! I'm Sara, District Director of Lil' & Tiny Rams. I have worked for the Ralston Schools Foundation for **15 years!** I am married and have four boys; Mason, Maks, Mavrick & Madden. We love to spend our free time outside! I am excited for another **fun filled** summer!



LORI LENDERTS

Hello! I am Lori, Assistant District Director of Lil' & Tiny Rams. I have worked for the Ralston Schools Foundation for nearly **15 years.** I am a proud #BOYMOM! My husband and I have 3 boys: Jayden (13), Marshall (10) and Bennett (2). I **LOVE** being outdoors, traveling and watching my boy's sporting events!



MEGAN HAZELWOOD

Hi, I am Megan! I am the **Director** at Tiny Rams. I have worked here for a very long time, almost 14 years, I can never be sure! I am excited to go on field trips with our preschool friends this summer and look forward to spending time outside. In my free time I **LOVE** spending time with my husband Ruben and our daughter Addie!



SHANNON ELKINS

Hi, my name is Shannon. I am the **Assistant Director** and **Lead Preschool Teacher.** I've worked at tiny rams for almost 3 years. My husband Jeff and I have 4 kids (Kale 18 years old, Eva 16 years old, Mia 8 years old, and Eli 5 years old). In my free time I **LOVE** to do photography and read books. I also stay very active with my kids sports and music. In the summer you will find me at the pool with my family and friends!

MEET OUR TEACHERS



EMILY BODENSTEDT

My name is Emily, I am one of the preschool teachers! I have worked in childcare for 10 years with **8** of them being at Tiny Rams. I would like to thank the staff and all the families that made up this wonderful Tiny Rams family. This experience has been the *most meaningful and rewarding job I have had*. I will be starting a new adventure this fall. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy



AMBER TULL

My name is Amber. I am the Lead Toddler Teacher. I have been in childcare for about **7** years but have worked at Tiny Rams for almost **2**. I have a boyfriend of 11 years and a bearded dragon of almost 5 years named Rudy. Nearly all of my time not at work is spent painting, attempting to draw and traveling.



HEATHER KREIN

Hello, I'm Heather! I am the Lead Infant/Toddler Teacher. During the summer I play drums for the Union Omaha Soccer Team and play sand volleyball. I am married to my husband Wes for **10yrs** at the end of summer. We have one sassy beagle named June, that keeps us on our toes!



SHELBY VANDER VORST

Hi! I'm Shelby and I work in the infant room! I have two very handsome boys Grayson (4) and Braxton(1 month). My favorite thing to do in the summer is swimming and getting in some great outdoor workouts! I cannot wait to see all my favorite kiddos when I return in July!



LILY PIERCE

Hi I'm Lily! I just started working at Tiny Rams this April but have been working in a childcare setting for **4 ½ years** as a toddler and preschool teacher. I am so happy I get the opportunity to care for infants and switch up what age group I am familiar with. My favorite part about being a teacher is giving children the freedom to be messy, be imaginative, and let the power of play run free. When I'm not in the classroom I enjoy weightlifting, reading/writing mystery novels, and spending time with my boyfriend Nathan and niece Jojo. I can't wait to see what the future holds for me at Tiny Rams, and I'm excited to make connections with the children and parents!

MEET OUR STAFF



SARAH WENTZLER
Hi, I'm Sarah! I am one of the Toddler teachers. My family is growing, and we are expecting a little **girl** in early August! This is my first job in the childcare field. I have been here since October, and I am **LOVING** it!



EMILIE REICH
Hi, my name is Emilie. I work in the Toddler room but will be helping all over this Summer. I love to go shopping, be outdoors and I especially **LOVE** animals!



EVA HOUSTON
Hey, I'm Eva. I will be a **senior** in Ralston this Fall. After school I plan on going to college for Elementary Education to become a teacher. I've worked at Tiny Rams since last August. I work in toddlers or preschool. In my free time I enjoy soccer, hanging out with friends, and swimming.



ANNALIE SALINAS-REYES
My name is Annalie, but I go by **Anna**! I **LOVE** watching Ghibli movies that have a meaning behind them. I love shopping, shoes and want to travel and visit places. My favorite activity is spending time with kids and having fun and laughing. I enjoy sleeping, nature and mountains and the forest!



YESSICA JIMINEZ
My name is Yessica. I love to work and be a busy Mommy. I love to help people and friends when I can find the time. I love to organize, clean and garden with my husband. My favorite teams are the Lakers and Huskers! I love shopping and going to church with my family.