

Wow! We have made it the last month of the school year! EASCA hopes that everyone had a wonderful school year, full of memories and fun. This is the last month for a few of our children, as they will be moving on to Junior High next year! A few of our children are staying home for the summer so we will make this last month at EASCA a month to remember! Let's get into it and see what the kids were up to at EASCA in May!

### **ENCHANTED FOREST**

- Last month was wild with MANY fun physical games. The kids were practicing their serving skills while playing volleyball inside and outside and getting in those goals playing soccer!
- There has been a big interest in building mazes with the bog connector blocks and making hamster mazes too.
- Kayden and Michael created a store in EASCA! They have been practicing their money skills and organizing the space to make it inviting for others to come shop!
- Jason made an amazing box-hat! He worked hard to make it stay on his head, cut out the right size holes for his eyes and stabilizers so that it would spin around when he had it on. He just needs to add some finishing touches for it to be complete.
- Hayden, Sophie and Lina have been caught challenging themselves (and each other!) with the variety of Rubik's cubes we have.
- Did you know that we have an expert slime maker in our midst? Isabela has shared some of the amazing, ooey gooey slime she has made at home! Its perfect for pulling and spreading and for making huge bubbles! She even shared some of the recipes for how to make the perfect slime!

# Rocky Mountain

- The children in Rocky Mountain room have been doing a lot of building! (Have you noticed a trend here? I know we have!!)
- The kids have been bringing natural materials inside to make some pretty cool natural structures. Its Nature STEM.
- Joshua had an awesome idea for a new game where he used Jenga blocks and a dice. He built the jenga tower and then rolled the die...what number he landed on was the number of blocks he had to move!! Can we say cool or what?!
- Mason and Jackson have both been making these cool structures where they use dominos and wooden blocks to make a track for the dominos to fall.
- Charlotte, Brooklyn F, and Kaylee have been asking to make slime and have been working together to make some pretty gooey stuff!

# KINDERS:

- The kinders have been OBSESSED with bugs!! Last month many of the kinders were catching and collecting bugs. They put them into little habitats they created with leaves, sticks, grass and other materials found outside.
- Ada, Tyson and Stella were feeling competitive and have been racing each other all throughout the park, adding tricks and challenges to their races.
- Adrianna and Lorena love the monkey bars at the park. They have been doing flips and tricks and always show off their moves to their friends.
- The Kinders had a teddy bear picnic this past month. The children had an absolute blast eating outside with each other and having their teddy bears join them.
- Amrita created a learning story for the children, and it was sent out via email to the kinder parents. Check your emails and if you did not receive one, we can print off a copy for you!



#### Toy Tuesdays

So, we are bringing back Toy Tuesday! This means that every Tuesday the children are allowed to bring **ONE** toy to EASCA to share and play with their friends. It must be small enough to fit in their backpack, it cannot be an electronic device – no iPad's, tablets, chrome books...etc., and they cannot bring Pokémon cards (this is a school rule, we only allow kids to bring them on certain P.D Days – Crystal or Wendy will send an email letting you know when they can bring Pokémon cards). Prior to COVID the children really loved bringing and sharing their toys with one another. We are excited to bring this back to EASCA!

#### **Pictures of Pets**

We want to rebuild our pet wall! Many of the children talk about their furry, feathery, or scaley friends at home. We would love it if you would send a picture of your pet(s) and we can showcase all our family's pet friends at home. Send a picture via email or through text on the EASCA work phones and we will put them up for your child(ren) to talk about to everyone at EASCA.

#### Sunscreen Policy & Hats

As the weather is getting warmer and the sun is shining, we now require your child(ren) to bring a (**non-aerosol**) bottle of sunscreen to keep at EASCA – in their backpack or their cubby. I will resend the sunscreen policy for you to sign and return as soon as possible. We will also have paper copies to give out to you if you'd like. If you have already sent us a signed sunscreen policy, then thank you. We also require that your child have a hat at EASCA. The sun's UV rays can be harmful, and each child should have a hat in their cubby or in their backpack to use.

#### **Summer Information**

Summer is quickly approaching! There is less than a month left in school, and we are doing our BEST to put together a calendar for the summer. Crystal and Wendy are working hard to book field trips and fun activities for the kids to do this summer. We will send a copy of the summer calendar as soon as it is complete.

#### Summer volunteering

As we are putting together our summer calendar, we would like to extend an invitation to any parent or family member of the children in our care to come show off some special skill that you may have! During spring break, we had two volunteers come and show the children how to knit and crochet. Is there something you'd like to come do with the children?

In past summer months we have had parent volunteers come cook traditional dishes, a head chef of a high-quality restaurant come cook, a parent came to read books in Chinese, a Storyteller came in to share Indigenous stories, a parent came to show the kids how to do and look for Geo-caches, and even had a parent bring in a part of their family's dog sled team! So, if you'd like to volunteer a couple hours of your time to come do something with the children, show off a collection, skill, or talent, please let Crystal or Wendy know as soon as possible so we can schedule you into the summer program!

#### Summer Student

We will be welcoming a student for the summer! Her name is Katie, and she will be starting this week! So please make sure you say hello and welcome her to the EASCA Team!

#### Relocating for the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and potentially to the 13<sup>th</sup>

Every summer Meadowlark school cleans and waxes the floors throughout the school (that's why they look amazing). And as many families who have been here in summer months understand that the school accommodates EASCA by relocating us within in the school. This year we will be relocated to the gym for the week. This just means that for the time we cannot be at EASCA we will have everything that we would need to operate in the gym.

For that week we will be having you drop off your children at the front of the school at the doors furthest to the right (beside the boiler room doors).

The children will need to have cold lunches for the week as we will not have access to our microwaves. We will send a reminder email with all the information a week before the relocation.



June 28 – Last Day of school!!
June 29 – Summer Kick off Party!
July 1 – EASCA Closed for Canada Day

Why can't you tell an egg a joke?

It'll crack up.

**JOKES** 

# What do you call a sad strawberry? **A blue berry**!

Did you know that we have a jokester in our midst here at EASCA?

His name is Herman! He has a joke or two for the staff everyday. So, we thought why not put some of his jokes into the newsletter to share with everyone! Answers will be on the last page!

- A. What has green cylinders, is black, grey, and brown?
- B. What Hurricane in Roblox copies someone?
- C. Who looks like a slide and is grey?
- D. What's an astronaut's favorite time of day?

## Grade 6 Graduates!

We would like to say congratulations to 2 of our children at EASCA who are graduating grade 6 this year! They have been at Meadowlark school since kindergarten and have also been at EASCA for the same length of time. We have had the opportunity to see these children grow and mature into the amazing young adults they are today.

It is also bittersweet because as we celebrate their success, we will also have to say goodbye as they move on into Junior High next year. So, this is a shout out of congrats to 2 of our kids:

Brooke McPherson!



Shawn Du Shangguan!



Answers to the jokes!

- a. The park!
- b. A pro acting like a noob (like they don't know what to do)
- c. The rock climber!
- d. Launch time!