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MISSION STATEMENT
Riverview's mission is to provide a quality, affordable program that parents can rely upon throughout the year, and to provide a program that meets the needs of the whole child and provide opportunities for children to develop socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically in a nurturing environment

What a summer, things went so well and we had a lot of fun. The field trip to the Science Center was a big success, the children had a great time seeing all the exhibits. The school ages are back in school and I am sure they love it!!! Please remind them of bus safety and walking to and from designations. We want to keep them all safe!!

We look forward to a fun year of preschool and other activities planned. If you would like to help out with anything at the center, please let me know. Thanks for your support in Riverview.!!!

SPECIAL DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 4—CLOSED—Labor Day
- 7—Staff meeting @6
- 8—Cookie Decorating w/ grandparents
Come & Go 10-11am
- 20—Fun Day
- 21—Parent Meeting 5:00
Board Meeting @ 5:30



NO SCHOOL DAYS

4th & 18th

This includes 3 & 4 year old preschool.

Sept. 13th-

2 hr late start

**FAMILY PHOTOS
PLEASE BRING SOME
PICTURES OF YOUR
CHILD AND YOUR FAMILY. THESE PICTURES
WILL BE HUNG UP IN
YOUR CHILDS ROOM UN-
TIL THE END OF THE
YEAR!**

***PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST
WALK YOUR CHILD DOWN TO
THEIR CLASSROOM. THIS IS RE-
QUIRED BY RIVERVIEW AND DHS!***

**Picture Day
will be Oct
11th. this
year**



Annual Board Meeting— September 21 @ 5:30pm

In September the Board of Directors will have their annual board meeting. This board meeting is open to the parents and we strongly encourage parent involvement. FREE childcare will be provided that night for parents who attend the meeting. Thanks

Daycare Bills

This is a reminder that payments are due on Wednesday. There is a 2 day grace period but payments must be in by Friday. If payment is not made by Friday @ 5:30 pm there is a late charge starting on Wed. of \$5 / day until the account is paid and your child won't be allowed to attend daycare starting on Tuesday

**Riverview is closed
on Monday, Sep-
tember 4th**

Happy Labor Day!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Easton Royster—Sept. 1—5 yrs old
Gannon Worden—Sept. 10—3 yrs old
Ethan Elliott—Sept. 13—11 yrs old
Brielle Burgin—Sept. 19—6 yrs old
Jordyn Stein—Sept. 21—6 yrs old
Madison Culver—Sept. 22—9 yrs old
Abby Ortiz—Sept. 23—2 yrs old
Ayveri Huber—Sept. 25—5 yrs old
Brody Barnes—Sept. 26—5 yrs old

Daytin Keller—Sept 29—5 yrs old

Christine Moss—Sept. 1st

Bailey Reynolds—Sept. 1

Back to Nature



Your kids play outside all the time -- but have they ever stopped to smell the flowers, touch the rocks, or listen to the wind? These fun activities will teach them to look at the natural world in a whole new light.

1. To help your kids focus, begin with a simple warm-up game, suggests Lizette Castano, executive director of the Children's Nature Institute, in Beverly Hills, who helped us design this walk. Have them lie down in the grass and look up at the trees. Ask questions like: How tall do you think the trees are? Who do you think lives in the trees?
2. A nature walk also gives kids a wonderful opportunity to sharpen their senses. Have your child up his ears and ask him to mimic what he hears, such as birds calling or the wind blowing.
3. Ask him to gently touch the rough bark of a tree or a bumpy rock. Encourage him to use his palm, the back of his hand, even his cheek!
4. Let your child sniff the flowers and then compare the different fragrances, and rub blades of grass or leaves together to release their scents.
5. Send your kids on a hunt for bugs and worms. Have them use magnifying glasses to search under leaves, flowers, and bushes and on tree trunks. Take photos of what they find. Then, when you get home, use the pictures to identify the different bugs online or at the library.
6. Show her how to make a leaf rubbing. Place a leaf, face up, on a hard surface, such as a tree stump or a bench. Then put a piece of white paper on top of the leaf, and use the full side of a wrapper-free crayon to rub over the leaf.

If you come across wildflowers on your walk, your children might be tempted to pick a few. Explain to them that the flowers need to stay in the ground so everyone can enjoy them, but let your kids use crayons to sketch the blooms on paper.

Nature-Walk Basics:

Head out in the a.m.: Early to mid morning is the best time for an outing. It won't be hot yet, and you're more likely to find animals, birds, and insects scurrying about (in the afternoon, they usually look for shade to keep cool). You may even see fresh animal tracks from the night before. Another benefit? Soil, leaves, and rocks will still be moist from the previous night's dew, leaving richer, brighter colors and patterns you might not see when they're dry.

Keep it short: Plan to stay out for an hour or two, depending on your child's age -- kids usually stop frequently to watch insects and play with what they find, so you're not actually walking the entire time. Stop for a snack and a break halfway through.

Gear up: Dress your children in socks and closed-toe shoes; if it's not too hot, have them wear long pants to help prevent scratches and bug and tick bites. Slather on the sunscreen, and make sure the kids have hats.

Explorer's Tool Kit:

Magnifying glasses for kids

Camera

Hand sanitizer

Sunscreen

crayons/notepad water and snack

Riverview Wish List

Craft supplies - any

File folders

School age activities & games

Boys dress up clothes

Paper cups

Envelopes