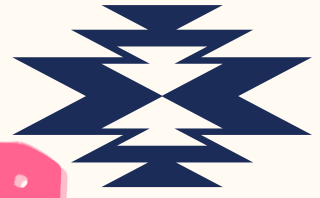




# JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



— HELLO —  
*Summer*

## JUNE EVENTS

June 9: 5:30 – 6:30 pm Family Engagement Night  
*BINGO*

June 10: Nutrition Activity – Watermelon Stars & Blueberries

June 19: Father's Day Event

June 21: Father's Day

June 24: 8:30 am Transition Ceremony @ LES

June 25: Last Day of School (Half-Day)



## IN THIS EDITION

Sunnyside  
New York  
Chinatown  
Paguete  
Village  
Casa Blanca  
Encinal  
Seama  
Director  
Program Assistant  
ERSEA/CC  
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Disabilities Services



## REMINDER

Open enrollment for the 2026–2027 School Year Applications can be accessed on the LDoE website, scan the QR code or come by the DEC office and pick one up in person.



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We made it through the month of May. As we are in month six of the new year, the children have grown and showed that they are becoming more independent we are sure opening up a lot more and talking, the children are all accomplishing goals. As this is the last month of the school year, we want to say how glad we are that the children have grown and accomplished goals throughout the school year. We want to thank the parents for giving us teachers the opportunity to watch your child grow and trusting us with their care, may many great things come your way.

**Creative Curriculum:** For the month of June, we are going to reflect on the different themes that we had throughout the school year we will use this month to explore and reflect on what we learned as well as learn something new from each theme

**For Social-Emotional:** The children learned to find a solution to a problem as well as finding comfort from adults and even their peers

**Cultural lifeways:** Planted Flowers and learned a few keres words

## Student Acheivements

- A.L- Going and using the potty she is learning to say four-word sentences
- A.P- Going and using the potty also saying three-word sentences
- D.E- Going to the potty and saying small words and became more social
- R.P- Making and saying simple words
- A.C- Going to the potty and saying more words and becoming more social
- M-N.L- Going and using the potty, Making small sentences
- R.E- Starting to make more words and becoming social
- N.V- Becoming social and making more friends

## Reminders

Check folders for any flyers and information. Read and fill out reading logs , please call to let us know if child will be absent

### **Parent tip(s):**

Be patient and understanding, during separation. Offer extra cuddles, reassurance, and saying good-bye.

### **Parent recognition:**

Thank you to our parents for bringing their children to school.

## Birthdays

A.C. 6/12  
M.N.L. 6/10





# New York Classroom

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As we head into the last month of the school year, we thank you for the opportunity to work with your child. We have enjoyed having them in the New York Classroom.

As we are ending our school year our theme for the month of June will switch each week covering one of the previous themes we had throughout the year. We will revisit some of our favorite activities that we enjoyed during the past months. Our last cultural lifeways theme will be Wild Tea and Cedar. We will show the kids some samples and talk about the different uses for each. Our STEAM activity will be Water in the Natural World. And our Nutrition activity will be watermelon stars and blueberries.

**Our color of the month will be Tie-Dye.**

We are still working on our potty training and more of them are saying more and more words adding to their word walls.

In May, we did have a Movie day in the PRC. The experience was geared to them having money (play) and having them purchase a ticket and snacks from the concession stand.

## Reflection

Our theme for the month of May was Balls. The kids really enjoyed this theme. They got to play with all kinds of balls, from ones that bounced or not, ones that lit up and different textured ones. They even got to make their own balls using materials in our classroom. For cultural life ways we studied planting. The kids planted some seeds in empty milk cartons. They enjoyed putting the soil and seeds into the carton and using a watering can to water them. STEAM and Nutrition activities were Insects and Mini Pizzas.

**One last time from New York Classroom. LoL Please check your child's backpack daily and sign their reading logs. Have a Great Summer!**



# Chinatown Classroom

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As the school year comes to a close, it's not just older students who have made significant strides. Our two-year-olds have been on their own remarkable journeys of growth and development. This year has been a foundational period filled with milestones that deserve celebration and acknowledgment. Join us as we close our school year, let us look back on the tears and laughter with fondness and build new memories as our children enter Preschool Head Start.

## Milestones Aceived

Our two-year-olds experienced rapid development in many areas. It's important to recognize these achievements:

- 1. Language Skills:** Many two-year-olds have expanded their vocabulary significantly, moving from single words to stringing together simple sentences. This development is a critical step in their ability to communicate and express their needs and thoughts.
- 2. Social-Emotional Skills:** This age is marked by increased social awareness. In the beginning of the year, our children often played alongside one another, showing early signs of cooperative play and beginning to understand the concept of sharing. As the year progressed, they have begun more imaginative and pretend play, interacting and assigning roles to each other.
- 3. Physical Development:** Improved motor skills are evident as toddlers become more capable at running, climbing, and jumping. These physical advancements are essential for their independence and confidence.
- 4. Emotional Awareness:** Two-year-olds start to recognize and express a wider range of emotions. They may show empathy toward others and begin learning how to manage their feelings, although this process is still in its early stages. Through play, they have learned to take turns, ask "Can I play with you?", and have begun to trade toys.



# Chinatown Cont.



## Supporting Continued Growth

To support our children as they continue to grow, consider the following strategies:

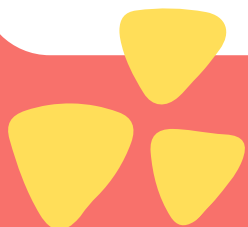
- Interactive Play: Engage them in activities that promote both learning and fun, such as building blocks, puzzles, or pretend play, to further develop cognitive and social skills.
- Reading Time: Regularly reading to children not only enhances language skills but also fosters a love for books and storytelling.
- Exploration and Discovery: Encourage curiosity by providing a safe environment for exploration. Nature walks, sensory activities, and creative arts can offer enriching experiences.
- Routine and Structure: Maintaining a consistent daily routine helps provide a sense of security and stability, which is crucial for young children's development.

Recognizing and celebrating the rapid growth of our two-year-olds is essential. Our children develop at different rates and early childhood centers provide opportunities that help educators recognize if any child needs a little more help or build on accomplishments to further their developmental skills. These early years lay the groundwork for future learning and development, and acknowledging their progress helps build their confidence and enthusiasm for learning.

## Tips for a Smooth Transition

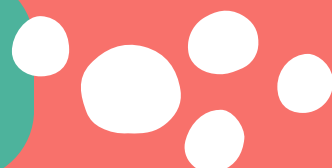
To ensure a smooth transition from one school year to the next, consider the following tips:

- Stay Organized: Families can look on the LDOE website for the DEC school application, requirements, and family handbook. Keep a list of family/friends who are willing to be an emergency contact and be sure to update any new phone numbers. Teachers will use your number to schedule a home visit.
- Reflect and Plan: Reflect on what worked well this year and what could be improved. Use this reflection to plan with your child's future teacher for the next school year. If able, consider being a part of the Policy Council.
- Relax and Recharge: Most importantly, take time to relax and recharge. Summer is a time for rest and rejuvenation.



Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday MM!

May your day be filled with much joy and wonder



# PAGUATE

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Hello Paguete Classroom Families,

Oh! My Goodness! How time flew by, we are already at the end of the School Year! We do hope you all are good, safe, and happy that we are getting closer to the end of the school year.

Congratulations to all families that had children completing to the next grade level or they finished high school, we wish you all happiness as you start a new school year.

As we get the month of June started, we will be getting ready to Celebrate the End of School, continue to learn and review the school year, of what we learned and preparing our class for the next learning level.

For our Cultural Life Ways, we learned the scope of Traditional Beverages, Wild Tea, and Cedar. If anyone in the family is already aware or has knowledge of these plant beverages, we encourage you to share with your children.

The color of the month is all colors (Ty dye) or (Rainbow). We are very happy and proud of your children learning the Keres language. They say all the colors both in English and Keres. Please continue to encourage your child to say the Keres prayers during family mealtimes. Naming the colors, counting, along with naming basic items around the house. They are also able to say our morning prayer to get our day started, knowing the direction to face, when asked. The simple daily basic Keres words are used daily. Ask your child what they are learning, continuing to use the language at home. What little you know is a lot for your child to learn from.

For the remaining weeks of school, as mentioned last month, we will be focusing on our letters, numbers and continue practicing our daily classroom safety rules, routines, using and implementing our learning skills. The children are starting to write their name, by copying their name when seen, and proud to say we are now starting to be independent writers. Children are able to recognize shapes, letters, colors, names, and numbers. We will also continue practicing using our Creative Curriculum, Cultural Life Ways, and our Conscious Discipline.

The Creative Curriculum, this month, will be exploring "Celebrating the End of the Year" and for our STEAM, we will be exploring "Water in the Natural World". Look out for the Classroom Calendar with fun Activities to do with your child this month. Learning about, what we can do with, Celebrating the End of the School Year and How can we celebrate our last days of learning.

Thank you, Parents/ Guardians, for sending your children to school. We appreciate you trusting us with your children. We stuck together through all the good, happy, successful accomplishments and the bad days of just being tired or not feeling well. Looking forward to an awesome finish as we review what we have learned. Thank you for your support from home. Please continue to support your child when they have rough days. Reminder, the weather is getting warmer, please dress your child according to the weather. Please remember that your child is always running, jumping, and climbing. They need to wear tennis shoes. We want our children to be safe and not get hurt, due to tripping, toes getting smashed, or shoes falling off. Encourage drinking lots of water. If you haven't already, please send a water bottle for your child, now that the weather is getting much warmer.

**Reminder: please call the school, leave a message, email teachers or the school if your child is not attending the day or at Dr. Appt., so your child will be excused for the day. Please, check your child's Backpack daily, there are notes or information that you need to know, to keep you in the Loop. Thank you all for your support and assistance with your children. We are looking forward to finishing strong and being ready for the next learning level.**



# VILLAGE CLASSROOM

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## Greetings Everyone,

Wow, we have made it to the last month of the school year. It came too quick.

**Curriculum:** For our last month, our study will be on Water and Tie-Dye. Our friends get to experience the last month learning about how water is used at home, different ways we use water, and how water is good for the environment. We are also excited for our tie-dye activities. During this time, we will be making tie-dye shirts and we will be showing the children how to mix their solution and how we can make the designs on the shirts.





**End of the Year:** We would like to thank you for an amazing school year. We have seen our friends from writing their names by both tracing and attempting to write their names without tracing recognizing and identifying letters and numbers. They have been introduced to meeting their needs from following our daily routine, to using the restroom on their own, to serving their own food during mealtime, washing their hands with very few reminders and brushing their teeth after mealtime. We are so proud of you, friends!!! We would like to thank you families for sending your child to school and being a part of their learning experience in Village classroom from doing the activities that were on the monthly calendar, to reading to your child and logging it in their reading log. A friendly reminder that during this time off, we highly encourage you to continue working with your child on practicing & recognizing letters & numbers, writing their name, reading with them and practice doing tasks on their own such as cleaning up after self, practice setting table & serving self, etc.

**Reminder:** Families, please continue to check your child's backpack/folder for any notes from teachers or program, daily activities planned on calendars, etc.

Please keep children home if they are experiencing fever, coughing, and runny nose.

For the last month of school, we ask you to please send a **WATER BOTTLE** with your child. The weather has gotten warmer and we want to make sure our friends have their water bottles to take outdoors when we go for a walk or when we go to the playground. Also continue to send your child with extra clothes as we move into our water study.

We want to wish you all a very fun and safe summer.



A. Lucero 6/6  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
FRIEND!!!

# CASA BLANCA CLASSROOM

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Greetings and well wishes from the Casa Blanca Classroom.

Well, we made it to the last month of the school year. Your children survived and flourished this school year. As teachers, we stressed a lot of social emotional learning this school year. We are very proud of the results that the children have accomplished this year. They have grown in to responsible and communicable children and students.

We will have one more study for the month of June. It will be the Exercise study. We will be moving a lot more with this study. Please make sure your children are wearing sneakers or tennis shoes. We plan to do some yoga for children.

I would like to thank all our families for letting us be your child's teacher. It has been a privilege and an honor to be in this position. We look forward to seeing your children next year, although, they will be in the transition classroom. On behalf of Mrs. Pedro, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and resting summer. Please feel free to contact us here at the school if there are any questions or concerns.

Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts.

Mrs. Pedro

Mr. Levantonio

Teachers, Casa Blanca Classroom

# Encinal Classroom

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## **Creative Curriculum:**

The theme for June is Getting Ready for Kindergarten. We will continue to reflect on what they have learned and help them say goodbye to their peers as the time draws near, and they transition to kindergarten for their next journey. Again, change can be hard for some children, and for others it's a piece of cake. We will continue to have the children share their thoughts and feelings about going to kindergarten, say goodbye to their classmates and teachers, reflect on the ways they have grown throughout the year, and celebrate their final days of pre-K with their peers, families, and teachers. We will plan some fun activities to do and join our classmates from the Seama room.

## **Culture Lifeways:**

Children will learn to identify wild tea and cedar in the community and their uses.

Vocabulary: wild tea, yellow flower, drink, cedar, and color of the month: tie dye, review of the colors.

## **Student Milestones/Achievements:**

All 14 children can spell their first name and 7 children can spell both their first and last name. There are 10 children that can write their first and last name clearly while using the sky, plane, grass, and worm lines. We have 5 children that can rote count up to 100 and 2 that count to 120. All children were introduced to Addition and got the hang of problems. All in all, they are doing GREAT! We are excited to see them do great things once in kindergarten.

## **Upcoming Events**

- 6/9 - Family Engagement \*Bingo
- 6/10 Nutrition Activity
- \*Watermelon Stars & Blueberries
- 6/19 Father's Day Activities
- 6/18 S.T.E.A.M.- Water in the Natural World
- 6/24 Transition Ceremony \*8:30 am @ Laguna Elementary School

## **Reminders**

-Please send a hat and water bottle with your child, the weather is starting to get hot, and for when we go outside to play.

-If your child is sick, PLEASE keep them home for more than a day or until they feel better. PLEASE be mindful of other children and teachers. Thank you!

## **Birthdays**

June 6 - A. Antonio

July 31 - B. Vargas

June 19 - J. McGee

July 30 - Teacher Juana

Happy Birthday to you all!

# SEAMA CLASSROOM

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Hello Families,

We have arrived to the final month of the school year. I hope that you have prepared a tissue box for the main event happening at the end of the month, That's right! Watching your child make the transition from Preschool to Kindergarten.

First, let's prepare for this special moment. In the classroom we are reviewing and reflecting on what they learned. We are fine tuning their writing skills, children are communicating to peers using words more often, we are learning to get along, and regulate the BIG feelings and continuously working on identifying letters and their sounds. The children have made gains in their physical and academic growth, we are truly proud of them.

There is still much to do. Please don't forget to send us a picture of your choice to be displayed on the screen. Teachers will be sending out letters throughout the month so please send backpacks and blue folders. Again, decorating will take place on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will let parents know about times we can start the decorating.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the teachers.

## Upcoming Events

- June 1-2 Pictures for Transition (taken by teachers)
- June 19<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Event
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Transition Ceremony at 8:30 am

Happy birthday to Paige, Andrew, Kaius, and to Theodora in July!



# Director Dr. Carla A. Spaniel

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the month of June. I am seeing how our babies have grown and flourished throughout the time that I have been here. The teachers' dedication to the academic growth of your child is just incredible. Throughout my career I have never worked with such a loving staff that is truly here for the love and passion of working with your children. It is so inspiring to see how much they have learned this year.

Our Mother's Day Dance was a wonderful event. We had a wonderful turn out to this event. We had 52 parents, guardians that came and danced with their child/children. The excitement and love was so special that day. We are really looking forward to the Father's Day Event

We have our promotion ceremony on June 24, 2026 at 8:30 am at the LES gym. Thank you to all the parents and staff members for the planning and making this a great event for our students. Parents please remember that we need your assistance with the decorations and cleanup after the ceremony.


Our last parent night for the month of June is 6-9-26 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Please come and learn how to help you child/children grow and reach their full potential. These classes will start again in August of 2026-2027 school year.

June 19<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day Event

June 24<sup>th</sup>, Transition Ceremony at LES

We look forward to the students that will be enrolling for the fall. Thank you to all the staff, parents, grandparents and everyone else that supports the Division of Early Childhood.

Sincerely;  
Dr. Carla A. Spaniel



# PROGRAM ASSISTANT

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## Greetings Parents, Families & Friends,

Here we are in the last month of the school year, we made it through another successful year at DEC. It certainly flew by and encompassed an abundance of distinguished learning, growth, perseverance and most of all fun.

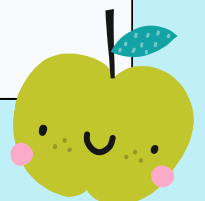
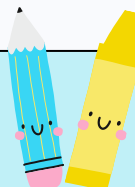
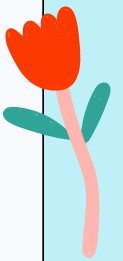
As the school year comes to an end, I would like to reflect on the many memories created this school year with all of your children, the parents and the community. There were many required events and activities all the children did a tremendously great job at and it was wonderful to see them being proud of their accomplishments. Some include but are not limited to: potty training, learning to walk, learning to talk, learning to be friends, learning how to keep our campus clean, plant, how to board and ride in the bus, how to evacuate the buildings during a fire drill or knowing to follow teachers directions in a lockdown. There are many more, too many to name. Your children have been great and they are all very special to the staff at DEC. Thank you for choosing DEC and giving us the opportunity to create their foundation for their next steps in their educational journeys. Some will move on to the "BIG" school, others will return but we look forward to nothing but great things for them all.

I want to thank all the parents, family members, and community members for taking an interest in our program and supporting us this school year. Whether you participated in christmas programs, volunteered in the classroom, read to your child or completed your home visits. Everything you do does not go unrecognized. I am so grateful for all your participation throughout the school year and I want you to know I appreciate all your time and efforts, may you all be richly blessed a hundred times over and over.

We have three weeks left and there are still opportunities for you to participate in the activities at DEC, I invite you to take advantage.

Wishing you all a restful and fun Summer! I look forward to seeing you all again soon! A huge CONGRATULATIONS to our Transitioning students, may you be successful at the "BIG" school. I'm proud of you!

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# ERSEA/CHILD CARE MANAGER




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Greetings Families: Applications for PY 2026-2027 are available on-line and paper copies are available in the front office lobby.

Returning children – A letter was sent home to all families listing what documents will be needed to complete enrollment for EHS and PHS. A child's application will be incomplete UNTIL ALL documents are received. If your child has a well child appointment set up after school starts, please submit a copy of the appointment.

New students – the following documents will be needed before placement in a classroom:

- Birth certificate
  - Immunization record
  - Well child at time of registration
  - Dental visit
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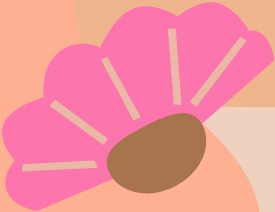
Early Head Start is for ages 6 months to 3 years old. Classroom size for early head start classrooms are 8 children and 2 teachers. If your child turns 3 years old during the school year, they will transition to Pre School Head Start and will be eligible to ride the bus.

Pre School Head Start is for children 3 years to 5 years old. Classroom size for children who are 3 years old is up to 17 children with 2 teachers; children who are 4 and 5 years old, classroom size is up to 20 children with 2 teachers

Home based option is for children who are 6 months to 3 years old. Family Service Provider will provide one home visit per week per family for 1 ½ hours. Families are also encouraged to participate in group socializations throughout the program year.

If you have any questions, please call Patricia Charlie at 505-552-6544, ext. 5004, 505-235-9286 or email at [p.charlie@lagunaed.net](mailto:p.charlie@lagunaed.net).

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!





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## Personal-Social

Activities to Help Your Child Grow and Learn



Your child is able to take care of some of her personal needs, but she still needs your hugs and support. With a little help, she can usually separate from you in familiar settings. She can obey simple rules. She enjoys simple games with other children and is proud of her accomplishments. She will respond with pride when you notice positive behavior, such as being helpful, following a rule, or doing something for herself.

### Cooking Helper

Let your child help with cooking by measuring, pouring, stirring, washing, and tearing greens. With your help and a plastic knife, he can even cut soft foods, such as bananas. These are real activities that help the family. Tell him, "Thank you for helping with our meal!" Ask him to tell the family what is in the salad. Yum!

### Super Picker-Upper

Show your child how to put trash in the trash can. If your child drops paper, ask her to pick it up and put it into the trash can. She may enjoy helping you put trash outside for the garbage truck to pick up. Show your child how important it is to keep the world clean. Talk about what would happen if people didn't pick up trash.

### Bathing Beauty

Your child will enjoy trying to wash himself in the bathtub. Show him how to use a washcloth and soap. Be sure to let your child know that he is doing a good job. Then, give your child a towel to dry himself: "Whose clean little boy is this?" Have fun!

### Naming Feelings

Help your child understand feelings by noticing them and naming them. Children need to learn that other people have feelings, too: "When you take the toy, it makes your sister sad." Don't be afraid to use big words: "I can tell you're excited because it's your birthday!"

### Super Driver

Make an obstacle course in your home or outside. Let your little driver push a cart or pull a wagon, steering around boxes, rocks, or over a hose. There's a big hug at the finish line!

### Look at You!

Start a dress-up bin for your child. Go through your closet and gather old clothes. Gather men's items as well. Old purses, wallets, hats, ties, shoes, belts, and necklaces are fun. Let your child dress up and look in the mirror. Be prepared to play for a while. Have your camera ready!

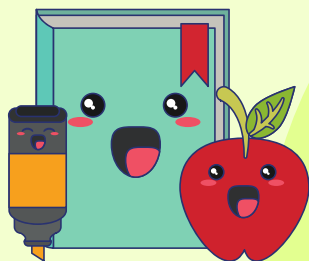
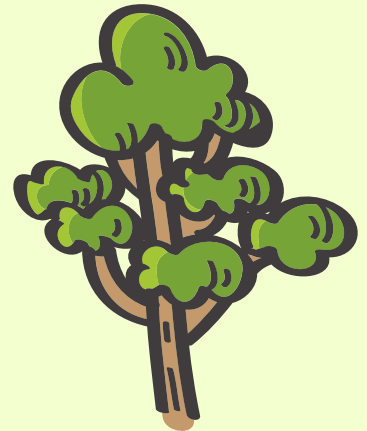
Notes:

**Don't Forget!** Activities should be supervised at all times by an adult. Any material, food, or toy given to a young child should be reviewed for safety. Always watch your child during mealtime and bath time.

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## Nutrition Activity June 10, 2026



### Watermelon Stars and Blueberries

#### Ingredients

- 1 small seedless watermelon
- 1 pint blueberries

#### Directions

1. Cut the watermelon into 1- to 1½-inch slices.
2. Use a star-shaped cookie cutter to cut pieces out of the watermelon slices.
3. Put a layer of the watermelon stars into a bowl.
4. Sprinkle the blueberries over the layer of watermelon stars.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until all the watermelon stars and blueberries have been used.

**Makes 8 to 10 servings**

**Safety tip:** To prevent injuries, an adult should slice ingredients and supervise use of cookie cutters.





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## INFORMATION

### Wrapping up a Wonderful Year at Laguna Division of Early Childhood (DEC)

As we close the book on another incredible year at DEC, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the growth, joy and milestones we've shared together. From first steps to first friendships, it has been an unforgettable journey filled with laughter, learning, and lots of love.

Our classrooms have been buzzing with creativity-from messy art projects and pretend play to songs sung at circle time and discoveries in nature. Every day has brought new opportunities for your little ones to explore the world around them and build confidence that will carry them forward.

Thank you to Families- Thank you for your partnership, trust and the many ways you support our DEC program.

As we look ahead to a new year, we're excited for all that's to come—but for now, we want to wish you a joyful and restful break come July. Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's early learning adventure. We can't wait to see what the next chapter brings!

I would like to give a shout-out and a BIG THANK YOU to Ms. Nadyne Shimada, Director of Student Services, and the team of wonderful professionals for the first year of special services being provided by LDOE to our children ages 3-5 here at DEC! Great and timely services provided all year!

## TIPS

### Learning Highlight for Month of June into July

As DEC winds down the 2025-2026 Program Year, we realize children will be home for a number of weeks before they return for Program Year 2026-2027 or transition to kindergarten.

#### How do families keep children learning and developing skills while at home?

**PLAY** is the answer! Don't forget **YOU** are still your child's most important playmate and **YOU** are their favorite **TOY!** Play promotes healthy development and critical thinking skills in children. It reinforces memory, helps with emotional and social skills. Play increases language/literacy skills and early math skills. Play encourages independence and of course, play promotes physical fitness. **HERE ARE A FEW PLAY ACTIVITIES** that are appropriate for each age level:

**Infants** - Floor play, tummy time, rolling balls, music, singing, dancing with infants. Simple water play. Play Peek-a-Boo. Use lots of language when playing.

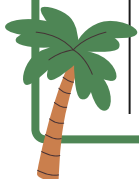
**Young Toddlers** - Lots of active play, walking, running, climbing, use of stairs, throwing balls, push and pull toys. Use lots of language. Ask questions and give answers using simple words.

**Older toddlers** - **Read** stories together, ask child to do actions on page like "hop like a frog", or "stomp like a dinosaur", etc. Give the two step requests: "get your hat and put it on", etc.

**Preschoolers** - Play is the work of children. Use lots of back-and-forth language exchanges. Include counting and other simple math activities.

No matter what it looks like, when children **PLAY**, they **LEARN**. Have fun Learning!

Have a safe and fun summer break!



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*Have a fun and safe Summer*