



## Mendel's Munchkins

Summer is finally here and that means time to splash outside! Water days will be starting this month. We'll have car washes, water tables and shallow pools to splash around in. As I'm sure you've noticed, toddlers like to get messy and we love giving them the materials and environment to experiment.

I see some new friends joining us soon! We would like to welcome Caleb and Dean to our class this month!

I know a few of us have been concerned about the recent increase in biting behavior in our room lately. It can be a little scary to see a bite mark on your child, and we try to use every interaction as a teachable moment as they occur. Toddlers bite for many reasons, sometimes it's just teething or a response to being frustrated. We focus a lot on helping them find acceptable ways to evaluate and express their feelings. Not having proper communication skills is a major factor in biting at this age. When a bite does happen, we always assess the situation carefully for both children involved and help them learn alternative ways to deal with certain situations.



### Watermelon Kiwi Popsicles

- 3 1/2 cups seedless watermelon cubes
- 3 kiwi peeled and sliced
- 4-5 tsp sugar (Optional)



Blend watermelon cubes until smooth then pour into popsicles molds until about 2/3 full. Place sticks in the molds and freeze until firm (about 2 hours) Blend kiwi and sugar until smooth then add to the molds. Freeze at least 4 more hours.

### Mark your Calendars!

- Thursday 6/1 - "Inside out" movie at Memorial Stadium - FREE Fun Zone opens at 5 pm, Movie at 7pm
- First 2 weekends in June - Day out With Thomas - Midland Railways in Baldwin starts at 9am
- Sunday 6/15 – Superman Supper at Googols!
- Friday 6/23 - Mud Day at Googols!