



August Newsletter

Garden Patch CLC

It's back to school time, which ranks almost up there with the holidays. I love the new school supplies, the possibilities of learning new topics and skills, and the new friendships that can evolve. I mean who doesn't love a new pack of Crayola crayons?

Starting a new school year also brings about a sense of routine. While we love the break summer provides, children thrive in routine, when they can know what to expect and when it will likely happen.

While we don't have a bell that officially signals the start of a new year, we use our classroom move date as the beginning of our school year. This year that date is August 10th. Children will move to their new classroom and even those

that are staying in the same room will welcome new faces and a fresh start.

Help your child these next few weeks as our teachers really work on expectations and new routines. We are excited for a new year and are ready to hit the ground running.

Enjoy these last fleeting moments of summer and welcome to the 2026-27 school year!

Jill Weidenbach, Director

Monday, August 10th – Classroom Moves

Center-wide classroom moves will take place on Monday, August 10th..

While not everyone will move classrooms, we do consider this the official start of our new school year. Please wait until August 10th to bring in school supplies

Let us know if you haven't received a supply list for the new year.

August Birthdays

Ryker B.	August 2
Avery P.	August 7
Rose R.	August 9
Bella H.	August 18
Paisleigh R.	August 21
Walker D.	August 22
Dawson W.	August 22
Lily C.	August 26
Madison M.	August 29
Leo T.	August 29

Just a reminder we will be
closed

Monday, September 7
in observance of Labor Day.

Easy Jalapeño Grilled Chicken

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

4 peeled garlic cloves

2 limes, quartered

2 medium jalapeños, cut into thirds (seeded)

1/4 c. olive oil

1 tsp. kosher salt

1/2 tsp. ground cumin

For serving: lettuce, cilantro, lime wedges, diced jalapeños

Place 2 chicken breasts at a time in a gallon zip-top bag. Pound them with the flat side of a meat mallet or a rolling pin until they are about 1/2-inch thick. Repeat with the remaining chicken. Place all chicken on a plate.

Check the bag for holes. If it's damaged, use a new bag. If it's intact, add the garlic, limes, and jalapeños. Seal the bag and gently pound until they are crushed. Add olive oil, salt, cumin, and the chicken to the bag. Seal and massage the bag to coat the chicken evenly. Lay the bag flat on a baking sheet so the chicken is in a single layer.

Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to overnight.



Remove the chicken from the refrigerator while heating the grill. Remove the chicken from the marinade with tongs. Grill over direct heat:

*First side: about 4 minutes, until grill marks appear.

*Flip and grill the second side: about 5 minutes.

Lower the heat to medium (or move chicken to indirect heat on a charcoal grill). Continue cooking until the chicken reaches 165°F internally.

Move chicken to a clean cutting board and let it rest for 5 minutes. Slice and serve over lettuce with extra lime, diced jalapeños, and cilantro.

Celebrating Milestones

Join us in celebrating staff who are marking work anniversaries this month. Thanks for being part of what makes our team great!

2 years

Riley S.

Floating Teacher



Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair is here!

Garden Patch Lobby August 27– September 2

Check out some of the book options:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/gardenpatchclc>

You can also order online through September 9th.

Orders will ship directly to your house

Help us reach our goal to sell 300 books or \$2500!

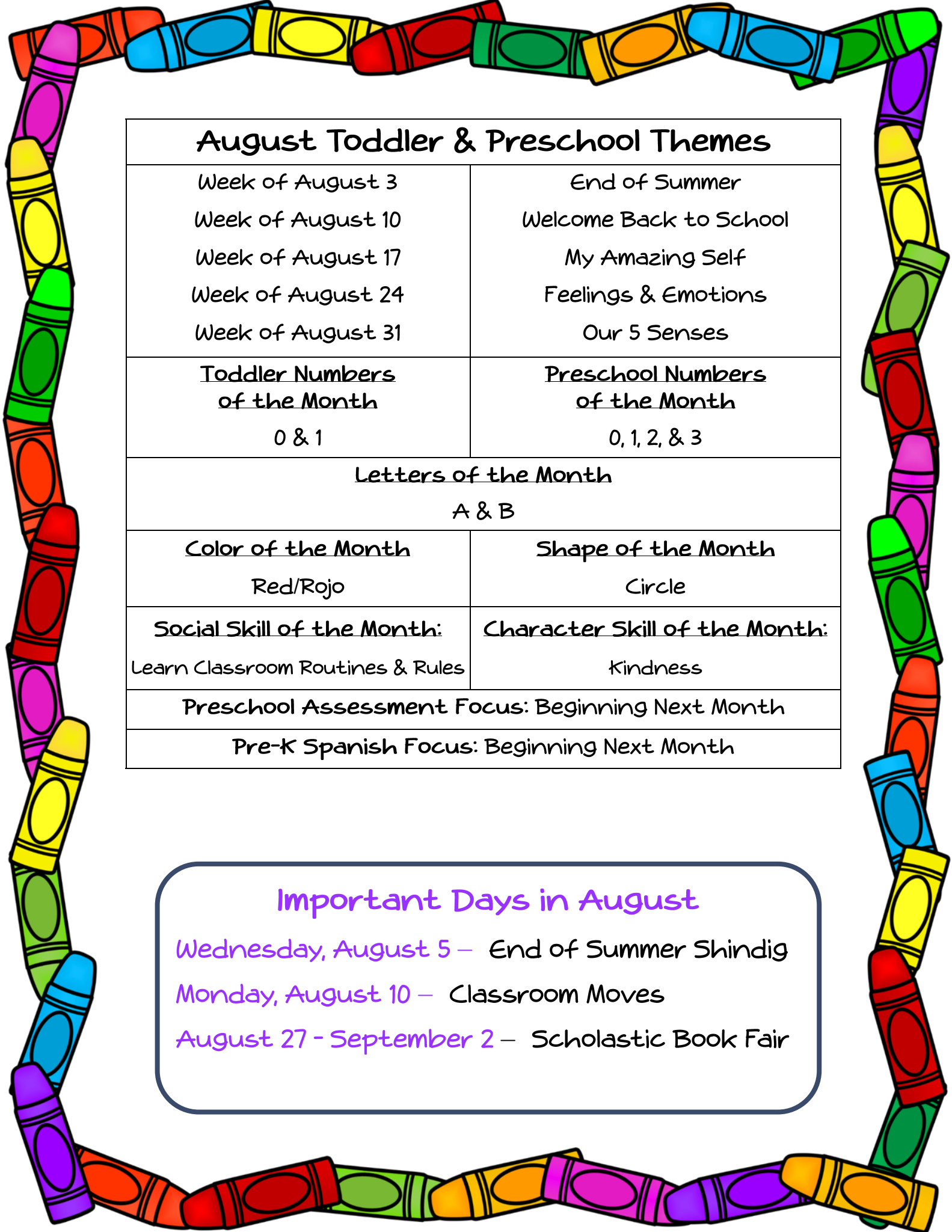
Change of Seasons Extra Clothes

For all children – Just a reminder to check your child's extra clothes supply to make sure the clothes are seasonally appropriate and the sizing is correct.

We are running very low on extra clothes in certain sizes. Our best guarantee for changing a child quickly is to use their own extra clothes.

Also, as we transition to fall, the mornings can be chilly, but it is a great time to get outside for a few minutes. Please remember a coat or sweatshirt to help on these mornings.

Every child should have 2-3 extra sets of clothes in the case of accidents, spills, etc., regardless of age. We appreciate your support with this.



August Toddler & Preschool Themes

Week of August 3 Week of August 10 Week of August 17 Week of August 24 Week of August 31	End of Summer Welcome Back to School My Amazing Self Feelings & Emotions Our 5 Senses
<u>Toddler Numbers of the Month</u> 0 & 1	<u>Preschool Numbers of the Month</u> 0, 1, 2, & 3
<u>Letters of the Month</u> A & B	
<u>Color of the Month</u> Red/Rojo	<u>Shape of the Month</u> Circle
<u>Social Skill of the Month:</u> Learn Classroom Routines & Rules	<u>Character Skill of the Month:</u> Kindness
Preschool Assessment Focus: Beginning Next Month	
Pre-K Spanish Focus: Beginning Next Month	

Important Days in August

Wednesday, August 5 – End of Summer Shindig

Monday, August 10 – Classroom Moves

August 27 - September 2 – Scholastic Book Fair