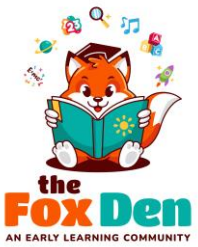


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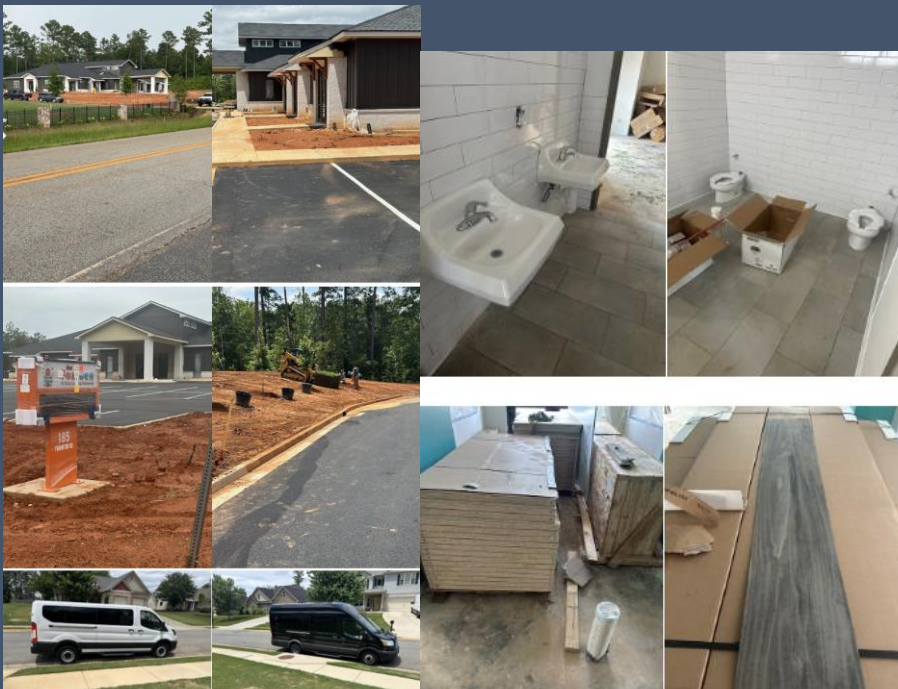


## Building Updates

*You won't believe the progress!*

The kitchen equipment has been delivered. We have purchased 2 vans (see below). The scholars' furniture will be delivered next week. The playground equipment is in and ready for our scholars. (Come test it out!) Landscaping will be complete by next week. The parking lot has been paved and is nearly ready for traffic.

**29 days until Day 1 of The Fox Den, An Early Learning Academy!**



## Did you know?

We will be out of the office on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> but you can still reach Michelle anytime at (478) 370-8648. We wish you and your families an amazing Independence Day!

Please continue to save items such as: cereal boxes, cracker/cookie boxes, oatmeal containers, magazines, paper tubes, etc. for Fall projects these will also be used for center enrichments! Thank you!

On the first day of school each student will receive a large piece of construction paper with instructions on how to make a Family mat. This collage will be hung up in your child's class.

**“Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.” —Abigail Adams**

## Upcoming dates

July 1-3: Emails sent out to parents with tuition payment schedule. Please take a moment to read this over.

July 11: TFD Front Office staff reports to The Fox Den

**July 16: First Tuition payment due.** This will be collected through the Credit Card you upload to our software, Brightwheel.

July 17: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Parents and Community (6 P.M.)

July 18: Teachers/Co-teachers report to work

July 30: **The Fox Den Open House** for all parents

August 1: Day 1 of the 24-25 academic year



# July 4<sup>th</sup> Activities for Preschoolers

Independence Day is almost here, and kids often want to get creative with their celebrations. This year, give them ways to stay busy while also teaching them about diversity, science, math, and art at the same time! Here's a list of fun and educational 4th of July crafts and activities for kids.

## 1. Create fireworks in a jar

Water-filled mason jar with drops of food coloring sinking. All you need is a jar, water, oil, and food coloring to watch these fireworks take flight.

## 2. Read a book

Book *Blue Sky White Stars* on table and interior pages of book with fireworks illustrations and text that says, "Red, White, Boom!"

The story of America is intertwined with immigration and refugees. Teach your kids about the refugee experience with one of these amazing books or one of these picture books to teach kids more about the 4th of July.

## 3. Watch a 4th of July science video

Spangler Science TV showcases the science behind making patriotic smoke rings plus a Mentos and Diet Coke patriotic geyser experiment you've never seen before.

## 4. Make star-spangled art

Star-shaped stamp on colored paper.

Black construction paper and chalk pastels make for bright stars to decorate any wall or window.

## 5. Conduct a baking soda science experiment

Baking soda in cookie cutters science

Break out the 4th of July cookie-cutter shapes for a little baking soda science! All you'll need is some baking soda, vinegar, food coloring, and eyedroppers.

## 6. Craft a flag mosaic

Flag mosaic collage -- fourth of July activities

Gather scraps of paper in red, white, and blue and have your kids create this stunning flag mosaic. It's perfect for getting rid of that scrap bin!

## 7. Sign your own declaration

Declaration of Independence Pledge Sheet.

The 4th of July celebrates the courage and vision of those who signed the Declaration of Independence, including two future presidents—John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Do the same with this craft idea! But also make sure to teach about presidents in a socially conscious way.

## Hiring update:

We have 1 Lead and 2 Co-Teacher positions left to fill. We will be conducting In-Person interviews upon return from the holiday weekend.



## **Welcome to our new Teachers!**

### **Kayla Warren (Lead Teacher 2A):**

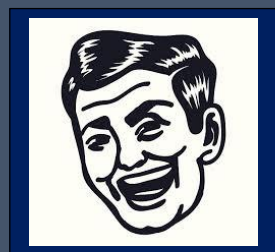
Kayla Warren is a professional educator with 2 years of teaching experience. She earned her B.S. in Political Science and M.S. in Criminal Justice from Albany State University. She enjoys being able to help students learn, grow, and meet goals. Her aim is to create academically engaging experiences through a positive learning environment. She is looking forward to a great year at the Fox Den Academy!

### **Skylar Allen (2B Co Teacher):**

Hello, I am Skylar Allen. I am a co- teacher at The Fox Den for “Sly Whiskers.” I have an associate’s degree in early childhood education and four years of hands- on experience working with young children. I am overjoyed with the opportunity to improve your child’s learning experiences. My personal and professional goal is to obtain my master’s degree in early childhood education.

## Get to know you questions for kids:

- What’s your favorite thing to do with your pet?
- What’s your favorite thing to do during a long car ride?
- What’s your favorite thing about the weekend?
- What’s your favorite thing to do with your toys?
- What’s your favorite thing to do on a sunny day?
- What’s your favorite thing about being with friends?
- What’s your favorite thing to do when you are feeling happy?
- What’s your favorite thing about being you?



## **What are we celebrating today?**

- 7/4 – National Alice in Wonderland Day
- 7/5 – National Graham Cracker Day
- 7/6 – National Play Outside Day
- 7/7 – National Rock N Roll Day
- 7/8 – National Freezer Pop Day
- 7/9 – National Dimples Day