

Butterfly Newsletter

June 2019

Welcome to the Espree summer program in the Butterfly Classroom with Stephanie Thompson and Lexi Brooke. We are excited to share learning adventures and lots of fun with your children this summer.

Hello, my name is Ms. Thompson. This is my fifth summer at Espree in the Butterfly Room. I have an Early Childhood Education degree and have been teaching for 10 years. I really enjoy spending time hiking and took a trek two summers ago to Africa to hike Mt. Kilimanjaro and do a safari as well. I also enjoy cooking and sporting events. I am excited to be in the Butterfly Room this summer!

Hi, my name is Miss Lexi! I am going into my sophomore year at the University of Wyoming and am majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Early Childhood Education. I started working at Espree around 3 years ago as a teacher's aide, and have loved it ever since! I love being outdoors and spending time with my sisters. I am so excited to spend the summer in the Butterfly room!

We will begin our summer learning activities with a month long theme Under the Sea. Throughout June we will explore the layers of the ocean, marine plants and animals, the tides and water recreation. Each day will provide many opportunities for hands-on activities, experiments and projects that promote learning about the ocean environment.

During your child's summer day, he/she will have group opening with all of the Butterfly students, one period of small group academic skill building, an art and centers time, snack, recess, as well as play and story times. In lieu of daily gross motor activities, your child will play lots of outdoor games.

We will be outside in the early mornings; all children must arrive at school with sunscreen applied and a filled water bottle! Also bring sun screen for your child (Please no spray sunscreen). Thank you for your cooperation!

Given the space limitations and the number of items each child will need to bring to school during the summer, we ask that all toys, dolls and blankets be left at home. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates you may want to mark on your calendar:

- Wednesday, July 1st – **Fourth of July Parade** – Come dressed in red, white and blue!!
- **Espree will be closed Thursday, July 2nd thru Friday, July 3rd** for the **Fourth of July holiday!**

Summer gives us the opportunity to let your children learn in playful ways and to provide them with a relaxing and stimulating environment where their experiences are different from those of the regular school year. We look forward to this special time with them and our connection to you. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Ms. Thompson and Miss Lexi

