Each week we will be exploring themes with songs, games and activities in addition to our Montessori studies and summer play. Parents and volunteers are very welcome for field trips and special visitor events. Please Note: There will be an estimated field trip, supply, and special event fee of $20-$25 per week per child.

**July 4-July 7 - Botany & Zoology**

This week the children will be exploring the exciting world of nature! They will observe how animals and plants grow in their natural habitats. Our week will include gardening activities, examining types of fish in the Alberta watershed, and common wildlife in our world. Highlights will be a field trip to the Fish Hatchery and an in class musical performance by the Jabberwocky Players. The musicians will be using a variety of instruments to perform ‘Carnival of the Animals ‘ by Saint Saens. Children will have the opportunity to participate in movement activities with the music and try a variety of instruments. Parents are encouraged to join us!

**July 10-July 14 – Canadian Culture**

This week we will celebrate early Canadian pioneer days and Aboriginal culture. Jessica McMann will visit our centers bringing Aboriginal artifacts, traditional games and storytelling to the children. Cowboy and pioneer culture will be celebrated by a “camp out” meal and outdoor games. We will be hosting a Stampede Brunch this week with Richard Young the Magician presenting a show for the children- we encourage all of our families to join us!

**July 17-July 21 – Creative Arts Camp**

Throughout this week children will participate in a variety of different activities where they will be encouraged to unleash their creativity! Creative Dance/Movement classes are planned throughout the week with performances for parents to enjoy! Jessica McMann will return to provide children with the opportunity to practice their Indigenous Hoop Dancing skills. Artist studies will incorporate the application of a variety of mediums to create art projects and paintings.

**July 24- July 28– Our Solar System**

This was a favorite last summer! Through various avenues, children will explore our universe with an emphasis on stars, the moon and planets. The portable planetarium will be back! This week should be out of this world!
July 31 – August 4 – Mini Chefs

Mini Chefs will be sure to encourage independent food preparation for the young chef! Safe food handling, nutritious choices and exploration of our gustatory sense will be the focus of the week. A field trip to PC cooking club at Superstore is planned!

August 8 - August 11 (Closed August 7) – Science Week 3: Dinosaurs and Reptiles

Preschool Room:

A new addition to our Summer program! This week a web cast from the Tyrell Museum is planned! Children will have the opportunity to have an interactive program with staff from the museum; “Up Close and Palaeo Jr.” is sure to be a hit! Mad Science will also be visiting the centers bringing hands on Dinosaur exploration activities!

Toddler Room:

Experiment week! Children will explore the cause and effect of happenings in our world. A visit from Mad Science will provide parents and children with the opportunity to participate in the “Bubbling Potions” workshop!

August 14 – August 18 – Science Week 2: Dinosaurs and Reptiles

This week is an extension to Week 1. A more in depth study of the characteristics and habitats of common reptiles will be explored in the Preschool Room. A visit from Reptile Parties will provide all of our children with the opportunity to see common reptile species up close!

August 21 – August 24 (Closed August 25) – Multicultural Week 1

We will be travelling around the world for this multicultural theme. Children will have an opportunity to learn about the cultures, traditions, food, and traditional dress of people from around the world. We encourage each child to bring traditional material to share about their family culture (clothes, games, pictures or music); parents are encouraged to participate as well!

Each member of the Oaks and Acorns team will coordinate a time to teach children about their individual culture. This may include special items, songs and stories from India, Peru, Philippines, Hungary, China, and England.
August 28- August 31 - Multicultural Week 2

A continuation of Week 1.

We will be travelling around the world for this multicultural theme. Children will have an opportunity to learn about the cultures, traditions, food, and clothes worn around the world. We encourage each child to bring traditional material to share about their family culture (clothes, games, pictures or music); parents are encouraged to participate as well!

Each member of the Oaks and Acorns team will coordinate a time to teach the children about their individual culture. This may include special items, songs and stories from India, Peru, Philippines, Hungary, China, and England.

A multicultural family potluck will culminate this week!