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The Spirit of Bermuda

It's July and the long days of summer are here! My how time flies when you are having fun!

In Week 1 we will learn about the Beauty of Bermuda, the people, place, and a variety of things that define our island.

During Week 2 we will be moving on to Bermuda Transportation. We will learn about the horse and buggy, our pink and blue buses and our fast ferries.

In Week 3 we will be exploring our 'Bermuda Culture', by taste testing Fishcakes, and some prepared homemade Johnny Bread.

In week 4 we will be celebrating our favorite time of year "Cup Match Time in Bermuda". We will be out in our playground hitting tennis balls and playing some old fashion Cricket.

After these fun filled days we will cool off with some nice cold popsicles.



New Students

We welcome to the Onionpatch Family:

Cali Butterfield – Baby Onions

Roman Simmons – Baby Onions

Kingsley Ming – Baby Onions

Andrea Bernasconi – Little Onions

Carter Caines – Little Onions

Upcoming Birthdays

Justin Yeo – 17th July

Upcoming Events

1 July - Aquamania starts

26 July - Summer Splash Beach Day - The Onion Patch Academy will be hosting their first Summer Splash Beach Day, held at Shelly Bay Beach from 10:00am -2:00pm. There will be food on sale throughout the day with other fun yummy treats.

29-31 July - Teacher Professional Workshops School will be closed

1-2 August - Cup Match Holiday

5 August – School reopens

Class Transitions

During the summer months as Ms. Veronica graduates will be slowly leaving us we will begin a transitional period with the Green Onions. During the summer the Green Onions will have a few play dates in the Pearl Onion class before moving

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Moving Up To The Next Class

If your child is ready to learn how to use the toilet, you also want to determine if you are ready to take on this sometimes daunting task.

Here are some pledges you can commit to yourself before getting started:

- I am prepared with paper towels and cleaning products when my child, house, furniture, and clothes need to be cleaned after an accident.
- I will set aside a couple of days to start the process. A weekend is a good time to start for working parents. Don't forget to talk to your child's caregiver about your plan to start potty training your child.
- I will be patient.
- I understand that my child will be potty trained and that "when" is not a direct correlation to her future success in life.
- I am willing to wash unlimited amounts of laundry.

What Do I Need to Get Started?

As with everything we do with our children - feeding, sleeping, and toilet learning - there are lots of products designed to help make it easier. You can decide which of these products you would like to use. You might want to consider a potty chair that sits on the floor. Children seem to have a greater sense of security without the giant steps up and flushing water below. We already give children little spoons, little beds, little cups, and little books. Little potties just make sense.

How Do I Encourage and Praise My Child?

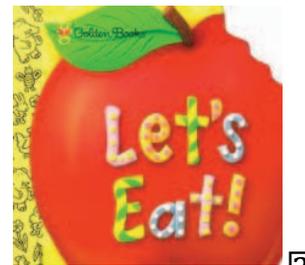
Nurturing, positive, and patient parents foster learning success in any learning situation and this is especially true with toilet training. Accidents will happen. And often it feels like they happen and happen and happen. Some children have lots of accidents and others only a few, which is not developmentally significant. Try considering each accident a near-success.

Other helpful tools include:

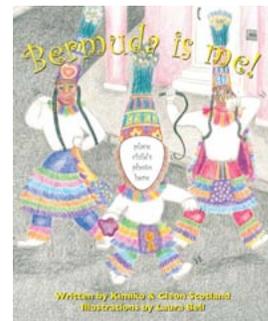
- Potty picture books
- Potty talk
- Designated potty time
- Reward stickers
- Personal potty
- Shopping for big kid underwear

Happy Potty Training!

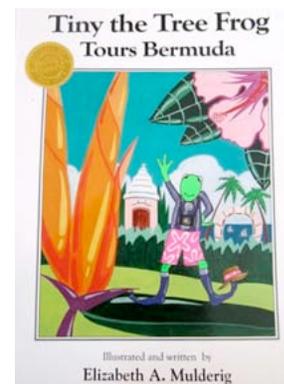
Here are some book suggestions:



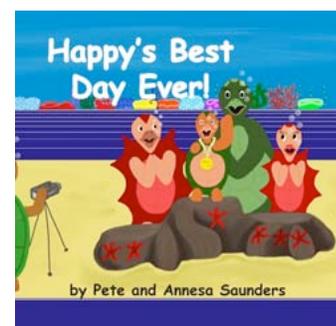
Let's Eat by Andrea Posner



Bermuda Is Me by Kimiko and Cleon Scotland



Tiny the Tree Frog Tours Bermuda



Happy's Best Day Ever by Pete and Annesa Saunders