June bugs and more…

June has KinsKids getting a little buggy!  We kicked off our summer programming with all things bugs.  With the help of Ms. Annette from the library we have a basket of books that are all insect related.  The books are entertaining and fun as well as full of good facts about bugs.  We’ve noted that all insects have three main body parts, and all have six legs but beyond that so many differences abound.  The books have inspired some window bug art, some brief writing and drawing activities, some popsicle dragonflies and soon some pool noodle creations.  We even had special snacks brought to us to kick off our summer fun!

Our Summer Reading Challenge, Batter Up! has started.  All KinsKids can participate whether they are attending KinsKlub or not this summer.  The goal is to make it all around the baseball field with time spent reading or being read to.  Times are based on age-appropriate expectations.  We have one kiddo already around second base!  He will be at the top of our leaderboard for most games played in no time!  As they , and make it to the bases, they earn prizes and there will be a top prize for the KinsKid that plays the most games over the summer as well.  Everyone who attends KinsKlub regularly should easily make it around the bases at least once.  Feel free to stop in and check out our scoreboard at Kinship house.

Thanks to a donation by Aspirus we will soon be kicking off a Step Challenge too.  The kids will be wearing pedometers to see just how much they move in a day.  That will be a fun way to see who the big movers and shakers are within our KinsKids..  I have an idea who I think probably the top movers and shakers are based on observations.

Lots of adventures and activities are planned for the remaining summer. If possible, we are outdoors making noise in the backyard.  Hopefully we can continue with lots of outside fun. A soggy waterball game was a hit (literally) on Tuesday with the heat.  We haven’t had to hook up the hose yet to water the garden this summer, but we have definitely been playing with water.  Weather has us shifting and shuffling projects around at times but that’s ok we aren’t letting it “bug us” in June!