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# Ryders Week in Review

## Monday



**HAPPY  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY!**

## Tuesday



We visited The Chesapeake Children's Museum for our Tuesday outing. During Ryder's visit, he had the opportunity to play and interact with other children his age. He practiced critical social skills, such as patience with other children, taking turns, sharing and conflict resolution.



Ryder likes to visit the large turtle of the museum. He talks to the turtle and likes to point out the different parts of the turtles physical features. He points and says, "nose, eyes, toes and head". We're working on the word "shell".



He likes to play with the doll house, though he doesn't spend a lot of time on this activity. He loses interest within 2-3 minutes.



The museums wooden rocking horse. FUN!



Ryder enjoys playing in the CCM outdoor play scape. There were no children outside at the time so today he was playing solo.



The museum has a music room filled with various instruments including this piano. Ryder seems to enjoy the sounds that the piano makes when he pushes the keys. He could spend up to five minutes on this activity and he's all smiles.

## Wednesday



Today Ryder attended his weekly physical education class at My Gym. This week, the gym featured a super neat swing. Though Ryder was beyond excited about trying out this unique way of swinging, he did an excellent job at waiting patiently for his turn.



Ryders confidence on the hanging bars is evidenced in this picture. Look at that face!



The gym staff set up an obstacle course and Ryder quickly learned what he had to do to complete it successfully. The obstacle course is designed to teach balance, spatial awareness, the front roll, taking turns, waiting in a line and developing full body strength.



After his My Gym class, Ryder cooled off at the swimming pool. And the fun really started when mom joined in!

## Thursday



Ryder hosted a playmate today. Ready with an obstacle course, painting activity and swimming pool, Ryder sips on a cup of milk in his reading nook while he waits for his friend Jaxon and his Nanny Nina to arrive.



He read his new books in his outdoor reading nook. The outdoor reading nook encourages Ryder to continue his love of reading and teaches him that he can read anywhere including outside!



He painted a beautiful print using the patriotic colors red and blue on white paper. Today, instead of using paint brushes for his masterpiece, he used giant rollers.



He practiced going through his obstacle course because practice makes better.

Go Ryder!



The obstacle course included a crawling tunnel for spatial awareness, a teeter tottering balance beam for balance, an inflated walking platform for balance and hoops to pump into. Ryder tried each obstacle with confidence.



Ryder's friend Jaxon arrived and joined in on the challenging, yet fun, activity.



Jaxon's favorite obstacle was the teeter tottering balance beam!



Ryder and Jaxon are great friends. Ryder was very happy to share his toys with Jaxon. They played, shared, took turns and laughed. A lot. Things got a little wild and crazy when we added water balloons to the pool!



## Friday



This Friday, we went to gym class. The staff had the same set up that they had on Wednesday, so Ryder was more confident on all the activities. That includes the hanging rings. Ryder was excited about flipping over on the rings.



Ryder is jumping (with both feet) on the trampoline. Each time he gets on the trampoline, the time he spends on it increases. He's a lot more confident and is starting to try new tricks like jumping while twirling.



Believe it or not, he just nailed the front roll.



During this activity, Ryder and his classmates had to walk with a Frisbee under one foot!

Ryder slid the Frisbee along the floor with his left foot, being careful not to lift his leg. He then had to shift his weight onto the left foot to take a step without slipping and falling. He completed this activity with ease. He then joined his friends to watch a puppet show put on by the staff. Another awesome day at the gym!



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**Watch Ryder Grow**



My mission is to provide Ryder a safe, enriching and nurturing learning experience each day.

My vision is that Ryder will grow with a compassionate soul, inquisitive mind, and confident spirit. He will be a leader among his peers, a versatile athlete, and an independent thinker.

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**Highlights Of  
The Week**



**Going to the YMCA pool**



**Riding my scooter up  
and down my street**



**Going on a nature walk during  
my visit to the Chesapeake  
Children's Museum.**



**Throwing water balloons  
with my friend Jaxon**



**Playing with mom in  
the pool!**