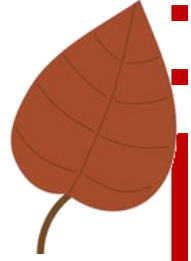




Preschool News- September

Dates to remember this month:

- Monday, September 2- Labor Day (No school)
- Tuesday, September 3- Teacher Professional Development Day (No students)
- Thursday, September 5- Scholastic Book Order Due
- Wednesday, September 18- School Pictures
- Thursday, September 19- Hearing Screening for Preschool

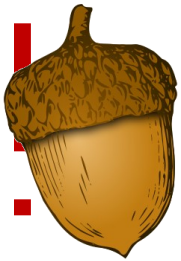


Our Weeks in Review!

The last two weeks we learned all about school. We began learning about our classroom routines and rules. We rotated through small group activities that consisted of an art activity, playing with math manipulatives and either a cutting craft, or name recognition rotation. We are practicing recognizing our names each day and learning the names of our classmates. We have been introduced to most of the centers in our classroom- the home living area, the toy shelves, puzzles, listening center, sand table and our book corner. We are continuing to learn and explore our classroom routines.

Scholastic Book Orders:

Once a month, I will send home a book order in your Thursday Folder. If you decide you want to order books (entirely optional) you have two ways to place an order. The easiest way to order is online using our class code which is located on the back of the order form. You can also place an order by filling out the order sheet, include a check, NOT CASH, made out to Scholastic Book Club, and send it back to school. After I place the order, it will take about two weeks for the order to arrive. When the order arrives I will give it to your child. If you want this order to be a SURPRISE, please let me know. I will simply notify you the order is in and you can pick it up. Many parents take advantage of this during the holidays.



Thursday Folders:

This week is our second week sending home Thursday folders. This is something we will do at the end of each week and it will hold important information from our school and classroom along with artwork from the week. These folders should be signed and returned every Monday. Please feel free to write any notes or questions in the comment section. If you lose your Thursday folder, you will need to go to the front office to get a new one.






Coming up in September!

Over the next few weeks we will continue learning about colors and numbers. We will begin learning about shapes, self awareness, our five senses, and homes and families. As autumn is quickly approaching, we will end the month talking about apples, leaves, and fall. We will continue to practice writing our names when we sign in each day. We will also work on recognizing our name in print when hanging up our coat and backpack each day. We will begin learning some of the letters in the alphabet and the sounds they make. Stay tuned!!!

Library:



We have begun going to library! We visit the library on Mondays. On your child's library day, they will come home with a library book in a plastic bag. These bags were made specifically to keep our library books safe, so please make sure to return the books inside the bags each week. Try to read the library book your child has chosen a few times, and then send it back on Monday in their library bag in order to check out a new book.

Phonemic Awareness:

Preschool is intended to prepare your children for the time when they will enter their years of "formal education," and our job is to give them the tools they will need to be successful. Research shows that reading and writing starts long before Kindergarten. Beginning this month, I will introduce a letter of the week where we will practice the name, sound that it makes, and any words that begin with that letter sound. We will learn tactile visual phonics (visual cues that correlate to the ASL sign for the letter, to remember how the letter sounds), do small group activities that go with each sound, listen to stories demonstrating the alliteration (beginning sound) of each words, rhyming and counting the syllables of words. Please work to reinforce the letter each week by coming up with activities you can do together. Try to make these part of your daily routine. For example for the letter "D": "Dig" in the garden, take the "dog" for a walk, go to the grocery store for "dill" pickles, "deli" meat and "donuts."

Please let me know if you have any questions! Last week, you may have noticed a spiral book in your Thursday folder entitled "See the Sound." This book is a guide for you to use when practicing the letters with your child at home, as these are the Tactile Visual sound motions that we will be using in the classroom.

Letter Schedule

September 9-12- Letter A

September 16-19- Letter M

September 23-26- Letter S

September 30- October 2- Letter T

Have a wonderful month! Please let me know if you have any questions!

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