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Dear Parents of Blue Door,

Hello! This week the children learned more about Spring time. During Circle Time the teacher spoke about some of the things that grow in the garden during this time. She spoke about things such as Broccoli 🥦, Onions 🍅, Carrots 🥕 and Tomatoes 🍅. The weather when it is spring time is usually warm and this allows for trees and flowers 🌸 to grow. Some of the flowers that grow are the Tulip 🌷 and Daffodil, 🌼 and the Lilac. The children were asked what kind of clothing do they wear when it is warm outside. Some children responded shorts, no sweaters, no coats and short sleeve shirts.

For art , the children made a flower 🌸 using their handprint. The children's hands were painted the color of their choice and using their finger and green paint they made the stem and leaves. The flower pot was already cut for them and they glued it onto their flower. They did a great job. Baby chick 🐣 craft was lots of fun . They glued brown construction squares to half of a paper plate which represents the nest and then glued their chick 🐣 to the nest and added the eyes, beak, and feathers to their baby chick, they did a great job. The children were given a diamond shape that was cut from construction paper and they colored it and decorated it using mosaic squares.

For story time the children listened to these stories: Ducky Goes to the Potty, Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash, The Birthday Pet, Rosie's Walk and Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See ?

Playground time is always the children favorite time of the day . They love to go on the playground and play with their friends. But before the children start to play they practice their gross motor skills. This week the children jumped in place, threw the ball to one another, had a basket game against one another, rode the tricycles around the playground and kicked the ball to one another.

Milestones for 3-Year-Olds

-Children usually progress in a natural, predictable sequence from one developmental milestone to the next. But each child grows and gains skills at his or her own pace. Some children may be advanced in one area, such as language, but behind in another, such as sensory and motor development.

Milestones usually are categorized into five major areas: physical growth, cognitive development, emotional and social development, language development, and sensory and motor development.

Development:

-Your child grows at his or her own pace, and growth is different for every child.

Most children by age 3:

- Know their own name, age, and gender.
- Follow 2- to 3-step instructions, such as "pick up your doll and put it on your bed next to the teddy bear."
- Grasp the concept of "two." For example, they understand when they have two cookies rather than one. But they usually aren't yet able to understand the concept of higher numbers.
- Memorize a string of numbers rather than actually count. The same is true of the alphabet. A child may say the letters from memory but may not be able to recognize a written letter singled out from the others. But some 3-year-olds show great interest in and ability with numbers, counting, and the alphabet.
- Enjoy working with puzzles that have 3 or 4 pieces. Most children can also sort objects by shape and color
- Have active imaginations and a rich fantasy life. For example, they may imagine that their toys or stuffed animals can talk and play with them.

Emotional and social development

Most children by age 3:

- Experience a wide range of emotions.
- Separate easily from their parents.
- Express affection openly. They may show affection for familiar playmates spontaneously.
- Understand the concept of "mine" and "yours." They may have trouble sharing toys at times or have conflicts when playing with others.
- Can identify a person as a boy or girl. But they do not yet fully understand the distinctions between genders.
- Are interested in toilet training. Many stay dry when they are awake.

Language development

Most children by age 3:

- Learn new words quickly. Most recognize and can name common objects.
- Use plurals, such as "books" for more than one book. Also most children use pronouns (I, you, me, we, they) and use complete sentences of 4 to 5 words. — — — People understand most of what they say.

- Often ask "why" and "what."
- Understand most of what they hear.
- Are not yet able to fully express their feelings with words.

Sensory and motor development

Most children by age 3:

Develop more large muscle movements (gross motor skills). These generally include:

- Running.
- Climbing. Most children alternate feet when going up or down stairs.
- Jumping in place.
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Music class with Ms. Clarice is always a blast. This week the children enjoyed playing the gathering drum. They love to sing all the songs with her and move along to the beat.

Parents please wash your child's blanket and don't forget to cut your child's nails.

 Have a great weekend 

Mrs. Cindy

Mrs. Luz

Ms. Laura

