

08/26/2022

Dear Parents,

During the second week of school, the children are getting better adjusted to their new schedule. In the morning, the children enter from the playground. After the playground, at around 8:55, they line up and walk through the back to the classroom. Students arriving after 9 should be dropped off at the office, where one of the staff members will walk them to the class. They then proceed to wash their hands by following these steps:

1. Wet hands.
2. Add Soap.
3. Lather and scrub for at least 20 seconds.
4. Rinse under water for 10 seconds.
5. Turn off tap water with a paper towel.
6. Dry hands.

Please reinforce this at home. Help your child to remember to wash between fingers, under nails and on top of hands. We follow these same steps after toileting and meals. In class, between 9- 9:30 we have a quick snack and then transition to Circle Time where we introduce our topic of the week.

This week it was "Family and the letter F." We talked about how the alphabet has consonants and vowels. We learned the sound of the letter F and introduced new words such as fountain, forest, and faucet. We practiced writing uppercase and lowercase F. We also talked about our families, like how many people live in their household, how many brothers and sisters they have, what are their family member's names, and if they also have any pets at home.

Academic Enrichment:

For art activity this week, the children colored, cut, and pasted the letter Ff. We also traced the letter Ff and the word fireman on dry-erase sheets. We reinforced this by making the letter F with Play-Doh.

Our graphing topic this week was "How many people are in your family." The children counted and compared which child has more, less or the same amount of people in their family. The children made a paper house using precut shapes to build their houses. The children also drew their family portrait using crayons and markers. We also worked on our journals and drew a picture of our family.

Books we read this week:

I Love You Because You're You  
Without You  
Families Around the World  
I Love you Mommy and Daddy  
I'm a Big sister

When we introduce a new book, we start by explaining the parts of a book like the cover page, title of the book, spine, back of the book, and what the author and illustrator do.

This week during music class with Ms. Clarice we the lollipop drums and stretchy bands to sing and dance to songs. She also read us a musical story, "Pete the cat and the 5 little ducks" which is one of the children's favorite parts.

Grasping the pencil. Identifying the first letter of their name. If your child can properly grasp a pencil, have them trace their name. Read to your child every day and let them turn the pages. It improves their fine motor ability and vocabulary skills.

#### REMINDERS:

When picking up your child, the teacher needs to receive their pickup pass for dismissal. Please check in and check out your child through Brightwheel every day.

Remember to Check Brightwheel for messages and photos of your child.

On September 5th the school will be closed for Labor Day.

September 26th is a teacher planning day. It is a non-instructional day and attendance for VPK is not mandatory.

"You give but little when you give of your possessions.

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."

— Kahlil Gibran

Have an amazing weekend.

Ms. Ana and Ms. Nadia

Ms. Marta and Ms. Laura