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Dear Parents of Orange, Purple, & Brown Doors:

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, they enter inside with their masks on and they remove their playground shoes. 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, we then transition to Circle Time where we introduce our topic of the week which 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 lower-case F. We also talked about their families, like how many people live in their household, how many brothers and sisters they have, what are their family members names, and if they also have any pets at home.

For art activity this week, the children traced the letter F using crayons and markers. We also traced the word fox. We reinforced this by making the letter F with Play-Doh.

For 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 read the books:

"Fox Makes Friends," by Adam Relf

"Froggy's Sleepover," by Jonathan London

"Llama Llama Misses Mama," by Anna Dewdney

"If I Had Dragon." by Tom & Amanda Ellery.

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 does the author and illustrator do. Out of all the books we read their favorite was Llama Llama Misses Mama.

This week during music class with Ms. Clarice. We used egg shakers to sing and dance to songs. She also read us the story "Pete the Cat I Love My White Shoes"

This week with Coach Jackie we practiced hopping forward and sideways into a ladder.

Additional activities to do with your child:

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: Write your child's name on shoes and mask. Also, place lanyard on child's mask so it makes it easier for them not to lose on the playground.

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.

Children need to wear nonskid socks. Check Brightwheel for messages and photos of your child.

September 6, the school will be closed for Labor Day.

September 7 is a teacher planning day. It is a non-instructional day and attendance for VPK is not mandatory.

Quote:

"What we instill in our children will be the foundation upon which they build their future."

-Steve Maraboli

I want to thank all the parents for helping to adjust to these new changes.

Have a nice Labor Day weekend!

-Ms. Ariel

-Mrs. Marta

-Mrs. Ana