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Dear Parents of Yellow Door,

The theme of this week was Mother's Day. This theme is one of my favorites because we talk about how to honor our mother. The children were very excited because every day they made a gift for their mothers. They enjoyed it so much and put in so much love and dedication into their activities.

Some of you have asked about our daily schedule so I thought this week in addition to our recap, I would send you a more detailed account of our days!

Every day the kids begin their day by washing their hands using soap and water. Then, the students have a chance to visit the areas that they want to go to such as Housekeeping, Library, Science and Discovery. At 9 a.m. they clean up all the toys and wash their hands and sit at the table to eat their snack. When they are finished, they throw out their plates and cups in the garbage and wash their hands once again. I change their diapers and then at 9:30 am we begin our Circle Time. We sing, dance, and move at the rhythm of these songs: Good Morning; ABC Song; Counting Rock Song; & Days of the Week; Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes; If you're Happy; The Wheel of the Bus; Sticky Bubble Gum; BINGO; Old McDonald had a Farm; Action Song; Listen and Move; Freeze Dance and Baby Shark.

When we finish Circle Time we go to the playground. They had so much fun jumping in place, throwing the ball to one another, skipping in place, and marching around the playground. They love to ride the tricycles as well. They enjoyed going down the slide and listening to the train and airplanes when they went by as well as the birds. They love to see the lizards, squirrels, turtles, and butterflies. Twice a week, we visit the garden, we saw tomato, red and green peppers, cabbage, and other vegetables.

At 10:50 am we drink water and then go inside and wash our hands. We go back to the classroom to do art. This week we made: 1. I love you to pieces - The children received a heart shape and they glued different colored pieces of construction paper to it. 2. Handprint Cactus Mother's Day card - Their handprint was traced on a construction paper, and then they glued the pot and decorated it using hearts. 3. Cupcake Handprint Gift - the kids dipped their hands into paint and then onto a construction paper and finally glued the cupcake liner to it and decorated it. 4. Moms are like buttons, they hold everything together - the students received a heart and they decorate it using some buttons. 5. The children colored a heart on their journals.

When we finish our art, they wash their hands again. We change their diapers and we have our reinforcement time, we practice the colors, shapes and numbers (1 to 10). After that, we have our story time. We read Llama Llama Mad Mama; No More Diaper for Ducky; Llama Llama Misses Mama; Hands Are Not For Hitting, Llama Llama Red Pajama. Then, they have free time to play with all centers. In the meantime, the teachers prepare the lunch. When the teachers finish, the children wash their hands, sitting at the table, we say a little prayer: "Thank you for our food today, gracias por la comida de hoy. A comer! and they eat lunch. When they finish, they have to put everything in the garbage, wash their hands and "brush their teeth". We change again their diapers and check their clothes. If they are clean they go to their beds, if not, we change their clothes and then they go to their beds. They sleep from 12:45 pm to 3pm.

When the nap time is over the children give us their blankets and their pillow and help us to put it in their cubbies. They wash their hands and sit to eat the afternoon snack. When they finish, they put everything they use in the garbage and wash their hands. We change their diapers and check their clothes. At 3:30 pm we go to the playground and have a little fresh air and play outside with balls, cars, slide, etc. At 4:15pm we drink water and wash our hands. We return to the classroom to change diapers and have another Story Time: The Hungry Carterpillar; Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?; If You're Angry and You Know; The Crunching Munching Caterpillar; Baby Bear, Baby Bear What Do You See? To finish the day the kids do puzzles.

Please parents, wash your child's blanket and pillow and return them on Monday. Cut your child's nails and every day check your child's health. Please, do not send your child if they do not feel well, have a running nose, cough, diarrhea, vomits, etc. Remember we are in a Pandemic, if we see any symptoms we have to call you to pick up the child.

Thanks to all the parents for your gifts with the Teacher Appreciation Week and for the food for the last week. We appreciate it so much and receive it with love.

Miss Nina

"No language can express the power, beauty, and heroism of a mother's love."

Edwin Chapin