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The beginning of our school year is off to a great start! The first challenge the children had to face is separating from Mom and Dad. We are so proud of all your children because they are coming into school happy and ready to learn. For your children, this is a big step toward being independent.

This month, the children have been learning our classroom routine. Children become more comfortable in a new setting once they know what is going to happen next, what is expected from them, that they are safe and of course, "When are we going to play outside?" As teachers, we are forming new bonds with your children so they can feel safe and comfortable at school. We also try to keep the classroom routine consistent; adding new routines slowly.

The children have been working on saying their full names, writing their first names, learning the letters in their names, recognizing their names when they arrive at school, get their mail and at the snack tables. At the snack table, we have the children's names on nametags. The seating changes daily, so the children have to recognize their names to find their seat. When writing their names, the children have to write their name independently, copy a model or trace their names. Every child is at their own skill level, and they are working hard on this skill. We write names beginning with an uppercase letter followed by lowercase letters. Parents can help with this skill by practicing with their children at home.

We have introduced the alphabet this month, starting with the letter A. On Monday, we read a book about the letter, learn to write the letter and look at objects that start with the letter. On Wednesday, we ask the children to think of words beginning with the letter of the week, and write them down on a dry erase board. On Friday, we have a mystery bag filled with items beginning with the letter of the week. We give the children clues, and they have to raise their hand and guess what is in the bag. We are targeting letter recognition and beginning letter sounds. We also have a song we sing with each letter to learn that letter in sign language. The letters we worked on in September were A, M, B and N. This month we have the letters L, P, S and W.

Please remember to look into your child's backpack, as this is our way of sending information to you.

