



Dear Families,

First thing, THANK YOU so much to those of you who have signed up to bring in snack throughout the school year. We all really appreciate it and are excited to have some healthy, snack choices every week. The Sign Up Genius website will send you a reminder 2 days before it is your turn to bring in snacks for us.

The kids are all doing so well so far! We are getting to know their individual personalities, strengths and areas of need. It is so much fun! We have a great routine in place and the kids are showing that they enjoy school so far.

Weekly Focus

During our daily "circle time," we will focus on a specific letter, number, color, shape and pattern. This is NOT "letter of the week." It is simply another way to review the skills that the kids are naturally exposed to throughout the day during play and small group activities. The skills will change weekly, hence the name! During September, we will be focusing on

Letters: Aa, Yy, Ll

Numbers: 1,2,3

Colors: red, yellow

Shape: circle

Pattern: ABAB

Backpacks

Backpacks should be sent to school with the children every day and checked when they get home. So far, you have received a couple of important papers in backpacks. You may also see art projects or Chicago Parent magazine (which we will send home each month). The easiest way to communicate with us is to email or send a text on the Remind app. If you put a note in your child's backpack for us, please let us know at drop off!



September Family Homework!

This week the kids will get to share about themselves and their families during our "All About Me" theme! You will receive a colored paper with your child's name in bold letters. Please follow the directions given with the paper to the best that you can, and we will combine all students' pages together to create our first class book!



Field Trip to Didier Farms

Have you heard about our field trip? We are going to the farm! This field trip is one of our favorites! The kids will get to pet and feed some animals, go on a pony ride, play in the pumpkin playland with inflatable bouncer, try out a corn maze, ride some mechanical carnival rides and even get a pumpkin souvenir. It is a blast!

Field trip permission slips were sent home on bright orange paper. Please send them in with payment as soon as you can so that we can get an accurate count of kids and adults. If you cannot attend the field trip, please remember there is no school on field trip day, Thursday, October 10th!

centers and reminders

Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
Blocks	Wooden blocks in assorted shapes Large cardboard blocks Doll houses, furniture and dolls	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
Table Toys and Games	Snap cubes Mr. Potato Head ABC and 3D-shape beads/shoelaces	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
Dramatic Play	Kitchen with baby dolls -kitchen appliances -food and utensils -desk with pretend phone	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
Writing	Scissors and paper scraps Glue sticks	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
Library	All About Me themed books Books related to listening, helping and greeting others (social skills)	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
Sensory	Sand table with shovels and buckets Play dough with rolling pins and cookie cutters	Sensory; fine motor development; volume and measurement; science concepts- sink/float, solid/liquid, hard/soft; sharing materials with peers
Snack	Full group activity, focus on manners and conversational skills	Self-help; language development and social skills
Art	Paint at the easel (we will wear smocks, but please send your child in clothes that you don't mind getting messy!)	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
Science	Microscope and magnifying STEM kit Laminated specimen set	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers

Dont Forget!



9/30: No School- Rosh Hashanah
10/9: No School-Yom Kippur
10/10: Field Trip to Didier Farm
10/23: No School- Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/24: No School-Preschool Screenings
10/25: No School- Teacher Institute
10/31: Halloween Parties (AM and PM class)

September Birthdays!

September 2nd- Layla (AM)
September 21st- Nash (AM)

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