What's New In Preschool-Week 25



Dear Preschool Families,

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we are scheduling preschool screenings for March 11th and March 20th. If you have a younger child at home and would like to have him/her join us in preschool, please call 660-563-3019 Extension 2242 to schedule an appointment. Just a reminder that if you are currently enrolled with us, we will provide you with an exit screening score.

On Thursday, February 29th, we are partnering with the Base School Liaison to host an informational meeting about the different types of child care and preschool programs available in this area. Please use the form sent home in your child's folder to register if you would like to come to this casual and informative event.

I hope each of you have found a time to meet with your child's teacher for a one on one conference to discuss the amazing things happening in our classrooms! We are so proud of our kids and the progress they are making not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well. They are well on their way to becoming independent learners and we LOVE to see this developing! It's like watching a flower bloom! Please remember that on Tuesday, February 27th as well as Wednesday, February 28th we will be dismissing at 2:00 and operating on the Wednesday schedule of 8:30-11 and 11:30-2:00. Thank you for your patience and support as we try to meet with all of our families.

<u>Missouri Early Learning Standards</u> Mathematics

- I Numbers and Operations
 - A. Develop Number Sense
 - 1. Show interest and understanding in counting
 - 2. Explores quantity

A Preschooler May...

Rote count Use fingers to represent numbers Count familiar objects Recognize quantities without counting

Compare objects and decide which has more, less or the same

Explore fractions such as half a cookie

Estimate the number of marbles in a jar

Recognize that if you have three friends you will need three cartons of milk (one to one correspondence)

Participate in number games

Adults May...

Sing counting songs and number rhymes with children (5 Little Monkeys for example)

Ask questions about how many such as "How many people are in the car?"

Read number books

Play number games that involve math concepts such as counting and number recognition Divide a sandwich and talk about it in terms of fractions, such as "I have half the sandwich."

Use math language such as more, less and the same (equal)

Provide items for estimating (like marbles in a jar)

Important Upcoming Dates!

February 21st 2:00 Dismissal for Early Release 8:30-11, 11:30-2:00

February 26th-Preschool Night in the Library

February 27th-TUESDAY that will follow the Wednesday schedule for conferences

February 27th and 28th-Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled from 2:30-7:45

February 29th-5:00-7:00 Leap into Early Learning Event

March 7th-Family Title Night

March 10th-Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Time begins!

March 22nd-1:00 Dismissal

8:30-10:30 for AM and 11:00-1:00 for PM

March 25-April 1 Spring Break

April 2nd- Return to School

Kind regards, *Tori Hunter*Preschool Director

