

A Look Ahead for October



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September Summary

This past month we have been learning the words to some classic nursery rhymes. We recite them daily at circle time and during music and movement. It's been fun to see which nursery rhymes each kiddo likes best. We've had lots of fun painting, especially with mud. The kiddos are getting better at using glue and practicing with scissors. One of my favorite class activities was making the cottage cheese. It's easy to make, just boil whole milk with a pinch of salt and then add lemon juice. The milk will curdle and the 'curds' will separate from the 'whey'. Just strain through cheese cloth and you are left with cottage cheese.

What's New?

Starting in October, we will be having a special science day once a month. Mrs. Sunshine is our science teacher and she always has fun things planned for the kiddos to do and learn. We can't wait for her visit! Our themes for October are colors and shapes. The goal for October is to recognize and identify shapes and colors. We will explore how familiar objects are made up of different shapes and we will play with mixing colors to discover what new colors we can create. I have also built a brief art unit into the October curriculum as an extension to our lessons. I'm hoping to have the work posted on Artsonia. I'll keep you posted.

Ms. Lisa's Thoughts

Well folks, we're a month into school and so far, so good. The children are adjusting and getting along nicely with each other. One of my favorite parts of our day is at circle time when we say "good morning" to each other. I love hearing their strong voices and seeing their smiles as we acknowledge each new friend individually. I also enjoy observing your children during our morning unstructured, child directed free play time. So much of their day is structured that this 30-minute window at the beginning of our day is crucial to their social development. The result is that they are getting to know each other and by the end of our time together, many new friendships will have been formed.

Reminders

I will be posting a sign-up sheet for you to schedule a phone conference. These are 10-minute phone calls to touch base about how your child is doing in school. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and share any information about your child that you feel is important. We will have a more in-depth parent/teacher conference about the progress your child is making, in March.

