Classroom News 4s

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I am special ... I have five senses

It's time for preschool! We are ready and eager to meet you. We want each child to feel comfortable and safe in our classroom and warmly welcome each new and returning family to our school! I'm sure your children have grown over the summer. We are thrilled to be offered the opportunity to accompany your child down the path of exploration, discovery and wonder of learning this year. Children will be given ample time for classroom exploration and free choice play every day. Our focus this month will be on friendship (meeting new friends and reacquainting with old). We will talk about each child's uniqueness (how we are alike and how we are different). We'll also kick off the school year with an in depth study of the five senses God has given us to help us learn! Thank you for entrusting your children to our care for several hours of their week. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!! Let's get started!

Small Group / Center Time

- Learn that numbers have meaning as we find our height and weight.
- Compare and contrast some scents we like and some scents we don't; graph results.
- Hear and discriminate different sounds and touches as we explore our senses of hearing and touching.
- Share, take turns and cooperatively work together to make new friends.
- Write in our journals on "A" day.
- Engage in our first number talk.

Learning Standard Highlight

Each month I will highlight one of our 50 Creative Curriculum learning standards. The start of a new school year brings with it much focus on social and emotional development. This month we put emphasis on respecting and caring for our classroom environment and materials. These practices are incorporated into our entire day; from hanging up jackets upon arrival, to discarding paper towels after handwashing and returning supplies to the appropriate location. Children take pride in independently completing these tasks!

Reminders, upcoming events, etc.

- When your child's name appears on our classroom calendar he/she is the "star of the day." This means your child will be given special responsibilities that day. We ask you to send in a healthy snack for all to share that day.
- Our upcoming field trip to Scott's Orchard is scheduled for Sept. 25th. An adult is expected to transport his/her child to Scott's that day and stay with his/her child.
- We will strive to make the transition from home to school as smooth as possible. Keep in mind that quick good-byes benefit us all!
- Remember, you are always welcome to "visit" us using the observation window.