

Preschool News!

Week one is a huge success!!

Intergenerational Fun!

This week the residents popped in from time to time to see our new school and meet our new students. In addition to our impromptu visits, the preschoolers went upstairs to sing songs, and read stories each day. It was very special to see our students and residents interact and enjoy their time together! Throughout the week, we read, *The Kissing Hand*, *Chrysanthemum*, *If You Give A Mouse a Cookie*, *There Was an Old Lady*, and *Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?*

Free Choice

This week was just an introduction to our space, routine and new friends. We are learning to identify our own names, as well as learning our friend's names. We enjoyed foam in the sensory table for the first few days of the week, and then pom poms and chop sticks the second half of the week. This activity helps to strengthen hands for writing. The kids also played with playdough, enjoyed painting, patterns, and numbers. Outside we had so much fun in the sun playing with water and sand.

Gathering

This week we just focused on coming to the rug for a morning song and playing instruments. We talked briefly about counting our days of school, the days of the week, and marking off the days on our calendar. We will introduce more structure as the year progresses which will be important to our friends moving on to Kindergarten next year.

Projects

We have not chosen a project at this point. We are simply enjoying play, getting to know each other and adjusting to school.



Important Announcements

- When you drop off your child, please do not forget to sign in and to sign out when you pick up. ☺
- Make sure to check the snack and lunch menu posted on the board above the cubbies. It is subject to change, but will give you an idea of what to expect this week.
- Fall break will be here before you know it! It is October 9-10, and we will not have school those two days.
- If your child is staying for the whole day, we will have a rest period for at least 30 minutes every day. The kids will lie on their cots, and quiet activities will be offered after 30 minutes for those who do not fall asleep, but they must be quiet. Please talk with your child about staying on their cots during this time until I tap them to get up. Some kids still need a rest, and others do not, but it is a good time to just take a quiet break. Also, students do need to all lay on the cots and the couch and other areas cannot be used for resting. Thanks!

The Weekly Gallery

