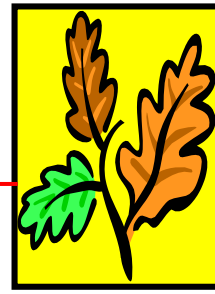


PRESCHOOL NEWS



October
2011

Mrs. Houldsworth's Class

WELCOME TO SCHOOL

We have had a great beginning to school! The children are learning each other's names and class routines. We have used finger paint, explored with markers, dot markers and glue sticks. We have listened to stories about fall and apples. Finally we have made a class book of all our Birthdays! The wonderful weather has allowed us to climb, swing and slide on the playground.



This Month's Theme

In October we will visit the land of Nursery Rhymes. We will focus on some of our favorite rhymes such as "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and learn some new ones such as "Hickory Dickory Dock." We will sing the finger play for the "Eensy-Weensy Spider, and act out "Humpty Dumpty's great fall. On October 13th we will have a short presentation by the Fire Department. Our color this month is yellow and our shapes will be star and oval. We will look at pumpkins and pinecones in three sizes and learn to sort them into groups of small, medium and large.

What Did You Do At School Today?

It is sometimes frustrating for parents when young children have difficulty recalling and describing what they did at school. Children are active and busy the entire time, but they sometimes lack the words to tell others about their activities, or by the time you pick them up they have moved on to other things.

Here are a few tips to encourage conversation.

Ask specific questions such as:

- "Who was the Lucky Duck today?"
- "What book did you read at story time?"
- "What did you make in art?"
- "Tell me about this drawing in your backpack."

Avoid general questions like:

- "What happened at school today?" or "How was school?"

Sometimes telling your child a little something about your own day starts the ball rolling.

Vocabulary Words

We will be working on the following new vocabulary words to go along with our Nursery Rhyme theme. Please take some time to talk about and use the following words at home; positional words such as, above, below, up, down, on, off, apart, and together.

- Shape words such as diamond, star and oval.
- Rhyming words found in Nursery Rhymes such as; dock, clock / high, sky / wall fall.