



Emily Meschter Early Learning Center

News from Ms. Emilie and Ms. Jessica; Week of August 13-18, 2018

We have begun to get to know your children, and they are a delight! Our first week was short but sweet, and this week we will begin our regular schedule of meeting Monday through Thursday. Daily notes from our lesson plans are on the back of this newsletter to give you an idea about the learning your child will be doing in our classrooms. Our overall focus this quarter is Language and Literacy, and we are also focusing on each child's identity, so that teachers and classmates can get to know one another. A few weeks from now you will see friendships begin to form!

Children are beginning to listen to a story, answer questions and participate in dramatic play based on that story. For math, we are exploring numbers and numerals- what are they and what do they mean? You will learn more about our school curriculum at Parent Orientation on Wednesday.

Please plan to join us for our Parent Orientation night this Wednesday, August 15, from 4:30-5:30 pm. We will give a brief presentation about our classroom, with opportunities for you to get to know each other. This is your chance to ask us about your child's upcoming year at school and to connect with other parents! Since this event is focused on parents, *no child care will be provided*. This is our only adult event, so please do your best to attend without your children.

Important Dates:

-Wednesday, Aug. 15, 4:30-5:30 PM: Parent Orientation

-Monday, Sept. 3: Labor Day Holiday, No School

-Thursday, Sept. 6: Half Day of School (AM 8:30-10:00, PM 11:00-12:30)

Parent Tip: Prepare for our outdoor play: It's still plenty hot outside, and monsoon weather as well, but we play outdoors for thirty minutes daily unless it is storming. Health department regulations specify that we are not permitted to apply sunscreen or bug spray at school (or any other medications). Much of our play area is shaded, but we suggest you apply sunscreen and bug spray at home before your child comes to school. ☺

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Daily Notes for the week of August 13-16, 2018:

Unit Focus: Language and Literacy

Weekly Learning Goals:

1. To listen to and comprehend a story.
2. To develop understanding of a number or numeral, and its purpose (counting).

Books: Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend by Charles and Michael Terry, Be Who You Are by Todd Parr

Songs: Hello song, Goodbye song, Friends 123

Vocabulary (literacy): scared, friend, personality, impression

Vocabulary (math): counting, numbers, more, fewer

Ms. Emilie's Room (literacy): Day 1 - Children will discuss new vocabulary words and picture walk through the book *Scaredy Squirrel*. In learning centers, children will play a game to practice turn taking and create a water color painting for the classroom.

Day 2: Children will read the story and discuss our predictions from the previous day. In learning centers, children will complete an entry in their journals and enjoy play dough sensory play with friends.

Ms. Jessica's Room (math): Day 1: Children will learn to sing the "Counting Song" using different body parts for each verse. Children will also hunt for numeral cards throughout the classroom. In learning centers, they will complete an entry in their math journals and create beautiful art for the classroom.

Day 2: Children will develop counting and number recognition during a teddy bear picnic. In learning centers, children will dramatic play a picnic with their stuffed animals and play a counting game with a teacher.

****Please see the full lesson plan posted in the classroom if you would like to know which Arizona Early Learning Standards are being emphasized in this week's curriculum.****

Starting this week, students in the afternoon classes will switch rooms on Wednesday and Thursday. We can answer questions about our classroom structure at Parent Orientation on Tuesday Night.

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