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Week ONE Themes: September 19-23, 2011

- COLOR: Nothing specific this week
- SHAPE: Nothing specific this week
- LETTER: Nothing specific this week
 - We use only the capital letters at Play School as a part of the Handwriting without tears program.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: APPLES, APPLES.

Week TWO Themes: September 26-30, 2011

- COLOR: YELLOW- please have your child wear as much yellow as possible.
- SHAPE: Nothing specific this week
- LETTER: L
 - We use only the capital letters at Play School as a part of the Handwriting without tears program.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Health and safety, doctors, nurses,
 - We would love to have parents come to share about their job and for sure wear a uniform. We do our little interview about 9:15 AM. We will take lots of photos with you and the children. Check with Kahleen if you have a morning that would work for you.

Week THREE Themes: October 3-7, 2011

- COLOR: RED- please have your child wear as much RED as possible.
- SHAPE: Nothing specific this week
- LETTER: F
 - We use only the capital letters at Play School as a part of the Handwriting without tears program.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Community Helpers, Firefighters
 - We would love to have parents come to share about their job and for sure wear a uniform. We do our little interview about 9:15 AM. We will take lots of photos with you and the children. Check with Kahleen if you have a morning that would work for you.

Apples: Thursday and Friday, September 22 & 23, Mrs. Zweers will be peeling apples and making applesauce with both classes. Therefore, we need at least one apple per child so that they can peel an apple. Sooooo... bring lots of apples, different colors are great. Thanks for the help. It makes your child feel important to contribute to the class projects.

August and September birthdays: I gave everyone a note with the date that I will give each child a crown, so that only one child (if possible) can be the birthday person each day. I have also posted these dates on the big calendar on the website. If the day that I picked is not good for you, please let me know and we can work out something else with a day that will work better for you. Small, non gooey treats are great. Jello jigglers, pop corn, small cookies and cupcakes, small pieces of fruit are some ideas.

Helpful tips for success at school:

1. BATHROOM: The children are trying to go to the bathroom on their own, but when there are snaps and zippers, or even really tight fitting elastic in the waste of the pants, it is impossible for them to complete this task alone.
2. SHOES: Open shoes allow the sand to get in too easily, and there was some frustration today when the sand just would not stay out. If you have shoes that the child can take off and put on by themselves that is the best for school. Yes, I know, some of those come with all the holes for the sand to get in. Oh well, just think about it. Long shoe laces can get caught in the wheels of the trikes. Velcro and elastic can usually work, but we will help them when needed.

Mrs. Zweers wood projects: One very special craft and learning activity that we do at school is hammering with real nails and hammers. In order to do this, we need LOTS of 6 inch pine shelving cut in 8inch sections, with the edges sanded so the children don't get splinters. We then need some of them painted and we have the paint. We use these boards with both classes so we figure that we need about 200, 8" x 6" boards. If you are interested, you can just get the boards, cut them and bring them to us. If you want to help with the painting, we buy the water base, glossy, out door paint, in the primary colors from the hardware store. If you are able to do the work, but do not have money for the materials, let me (Kahleen) know. Thanks for any help.

Saturday work day: I call it, "One Dad with a chain saw and five women". Neal and Lisa Saiki, Sharon Oing, Lisa Foss and Kate Wadhams made a huge difference in the playground on Saturday. Neal cut down some trees, some of us carried brush and threw it over the fence, trimmed ivy, power washed the play equipment, and then Kate used her power trimmer and cut back the berry bushes. Wow!!! Thanks to them for hard work and an open play ground.

I would like to move some of the play equipment, but need some strong people to help with that. Please let me know if you are willing to help lift and move. Thanks

Thanks to Marci-Beth and Jeff Maple for the donation of some "new to us" play equipment. So much fun!!!!

Blessings to all, Kahleen Edeal, Monica Zweers, Faith Filey