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Week THREE Themes: October 3-7, 2011

- COLOR: RED- please have your child wear as much RED as possible.
- SHAPE: RECTANGLES
- LETTER: F
- COOKING: Red Ripe Strawberry Smoothies. We have a sign-up list of ingredients that Mrs. Zweers will need for this activity. Thanks to everyone that has signed up to help a week.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Community Helpers, Firefighters
 - We will have the Felton Fire Department bring a fire engine and equipment to our school on Friday, October 7 at about 9:15. This is for the MWF class.

Week FOUR Themes: October 10-14, 2011

- COLOR: BLUE - dress in blue this week.
- SHAPE: TRIANGLES
- LETTER: E
- COOKING: Something with blue berries, so watch for good deals on them.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Community Helpers as in Police Officers
 - 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 FIVE Themes: October 17-21, 2011

- COLOR: GREEN- please have your child wear as much GREEN as possible.
- SHAPE: CIRCLE
- LETTER: H
 - We use only the capital letters at Play School as a part of the Handwriting without tears program. All the letters so far have used "Big Lines and Little Lines".
- COOKING: To be announced.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Health and safety, garbage workers and trucks.
 - 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.

Lemons & Apples: Wow, thanks for all the lemons!!! Thanks for all the apples last week too.

Strawberries: This next week we will need strawberries, just on Friday. Thanks!

Book Orders Due: Friday, September 30.

First Aid Class: Tuesday, October 4 at 12:30 here at school. You must register with me by 3pm on Monday the 3rd.

Rain coats: We would like to have a collection of raincoats with hoods to have at school so that the children can ride the bikes in the rain. Donations welcome. At this point, if it rains, please send a rain coat and hood or hat with your child. We are going to try to play outside even in wet weather this year.

Leaves: We would love to have bags and bags (big garbage bags) of leaves. I have noticed that the leaves are falling already and piling up in some places, so please help us get lots of leaves for the children to play in. After this next rainy week, if the weather gets dry again, we may want to dump out ALL THE BIG BAGS OF LEAVES and let them play.

Milk Crates and Old Newspapers: We are sorting sand toys in milk crates this year and the sorting is going really well. If you have any milk crates that you are not using, we would love a few more. Next: to save money on paper, we could use old newspapers to cover tables with. Send them in when you can. Thanks!!!!

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.

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.

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