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Week 14 Themes: January 9-13, 2012

- COLOR: WHITE
- SHAPE: SNOW FLAKE
- LETTER: G as in ... GOAT, GOOSE
- COOKING: On Thursday & Friday Mrs. Zweers is making "Snow Cones" with shaved ice and fruit juice with the children. Yummm?
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Weather, Snow.

Week 15 Themes: January 16-20, 2012

- COLOR: Talking and making rainbows
- SHAPE: BIG CURVE, LITTLE CURVE
- LETTER: S as in ... SNOW, SNAKE, SILLY
- COOKING: On Friday with Mrs. Zweers. The children will make Rainbow cookies.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Weather, rain, rainbows

Week 16 Themes: November 14-18, 2011

- COLOR: BLACK
- SHAPE: STARS
- LETTER: J as in ... JET, JUNGLE
- COOKING: On Friday with Mrs. Zweers. The children will make Planet Pizza's.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Space, planets, stars, rockets

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Tuition Due: January tuition due by Friday, January 13th to avoid late fees. Thanks!

Box Play in Feb.: We plan to start box play downstairs in our big game room in February, so please help by sending lots of big boxes as you can now. Thanks

Rocket Construction: We need cardboard tubes!

1. Short toilet paper tubes,
2. Medium paper towel tubes,
3. Long wrapping paper tubes.

Please cover them with foil before you bring them if possible. Thanks!!!

Leaves: Well, as long as it does not rain, you can still bring leaves here for the kids to play in.

Keys: We can use your old keys for our crafts, counting, sorting, etc.

Milk Crates: 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.

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, when it rains, please send a rain coat and hood or hat with your child.

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.

Monday.Wednesday.Friday Class only

What are your thoughts about whether or not to make a "Storybook Cookbook" this year?

Last year we made a book of pictures showing the children cooking, with some dictations and drawings that went with the story book about the cooking project. It was hard for parents to imagine what the book would look like so it was hard for them to think about paying money for it. I ordered one book and then took some orders, and then after the first order came, other parents wanted to order. The best price per book only happens if we order a large number at the same time. It turns out to be about a dollar a page, or a little more when you add in the shipping. And there is a hardback book that costs way more.

Soooo, my question is... how many of you would order and pay up front for a book without seeing it? This is a project that is great fun and we loved the book that we made last year, but... it takes extra planning and time. I wouldn't be asking this if we were not excited about making a book again, so let me know.

NO pressure, but if we start planning now.... I think the book would cost about \$40 ea.

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