



News from the Preschool and PreK



A warm welcome to our new and returning children. We look forward to an exciting school year. In September we will be getting to know one another, exploring the rooms and becoming familiar with the routines of the classrooms.

Our theme for the month of September is community helpers. The children will explore the school community as well as our neighborhood. The children will discuss the communities they live in and what they share in the community (i.e. - library, post office, police and fire department). We will be taking walks around the neighborhood as part of our study of the community and safety. This will also allow us to observe the seasonal changes as they occur.

The Preschool and Pre K classes will be visiting the Belmont Fire Department as part of our study of the neighborhood. Preschool II and III will visit on September 28th while Preschool IV and PreK/K will visit on September 30th. All the Preschool classes will also be visiting Belkin Lookout Farm in Natick for apple picking on September 23, 2009. We will leave Adventures at 9:00 AM and arrive back at approximately 1:30 PM. A bag lunch with disposable items will be needed. Please see your child's teacher to volunteer as a chaperone for any of our field trips. Parent volunteers are very important to our being able to take field trips with the children. Field trips are a wonderful learning experience for the boys and girls. Without enough parental support we will not be able to go on these trips.

The children will be making applesauce and various other foods using apples during September. We will

also use apples to print with. The children will discover the star in the center of the apple through the story "The Little Red House With No Doors or Windows but With a Star Inside".

The classroom bears will also be making weekend visits to the children's homes as part of our language arts program. The bears have gone to the beach, to museums, on trains and the children enjoy taking them home.

The Preschool classrooms will be using a calendar pattern to enhance math skills. A different color is used for each day of the week. The children soon discover a pattern (i.e.- red is a certain day of the week). The children are encouraged to wear the color of the day if desired. During September, the colors will be: Sunday-blue; Monday-yellow; Tuesday-orange; Wednesday-green; Thursday-blue; Friday-indigo; Saturday-purple.

Finally, we will begin our letter of the week shortly. The children are encouraged to bring in a fruit, vegetable, or photo of an item, etc. (no toys please) that begins with the letter of the week to share on "letter sharing" day. Your child's teacher will inform you of the sharing day for your child's classroom.

Please check your child's clothing bin for appropriate clothing and please remember to sign your child in and out in the sign in book above the cubbies. Please be sure to read the sign in books daily to find out what your child's classroom has been working on each day. This is also a place for you to leave messages for the teachers.

Have a great month.