

News from the Nest

D.C.H. Kindergarten update

August 25, 2017



Dear Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten!

We had a wonderful first week in Kindergarten. The children are all getting used to the schedule and classroom routines. I hope that you like the daily notes that I have been sending home to help facilitate conversation with your child about their day. Please let me know if you have any questions about the information in the kindergarten handbook or class schedule that went home. Also, if you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at jaymat515@gmail.com. I will reply to your message as soon as possible, but please note that I am not always able to check email during the school day so a phone call to the school is still best for urgent messages.

Thank you!

Math: The children practiced their number recognition and counting skills this week while completing a school bus number puzzle. Each piece has a number from one to twenty, and the object is to place the pieces in numerical order. We also began a weekly routine in which we ask the children to estimate the amount of something inside of a jar. Each week we will change the contents in the same jar and teach the children strategies for how best to determine the amount. This is a very difficult yet important skill that will help your child with their number sense, one to one correspondence, and visual perception. It also helps children to be better able to take risks and understand that they will not always get the right answer, or win a prize.



Science: This week children explored various magnetic materials in our science area. Most weeks, beginning next week, we will conduct a science experiment each Friday in which children will record their predictions, observations and conclusions in their own science journal. We call this "Sci-Fri"!

L This year I will be using the literacy program called Treasures. We will begin using the program the week of September fourth in order to help ease the children's transition into the school year.

I We read many back to school and kindergarten stories including My First Day of School by P.K. Halliman, The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing, First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg, Monstergarten by Daniel J. Mahoney and Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate. Toward the end of the week we conducted the first of many class votes to determine the favorite story of the week!



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Reminders:

- We are a peanut/tree nut free school. Please do not send any food items to school that may contain these ingredients.
- If you have not already done so, please send in a small bag of extra clothes for your child to be kept in our bathroom.
- If your child's snack or lunch requires the use of utensils, please try to remember to pack those items for them.