

Family Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S THEME

Family & Pets

This month, your child will have the chance to discuss the people who are most important to them as they learn about who and what makes a family. They will explore ways to nurture and develop positive relationships with family members, friends and themselves. They will create a family tree collage and play with dramatic play props. Through art, music and storytelling, your child will explore their feelings. While learning about different pets, they will practice taking care of pretend pets and learn about responsibility.

At the end of the month, your child will learn character traits that will help them to be caring, generous, helpful, encouraging and cooperative.



Look for the daily notes about your child's art projects!

Today I made a dog shaker.

Dogs can make many different sounds when they bark. I created a dog shaker by filling it with interesting sounding objects. Now I can hear the sound of my dog's bark to the beat of my feet.



Today I designed a family puzzle.

Puzzles are made up of many pieces, just like a family is made up of many unique people. Puzzles help me problem-solve. I designed my own puzzle and drew pictures on the pieces. We can work on the puzzle together!



ASK ME: What did you draw on your puzzle? How many pieces does your puzzle have?

preschool

Welcome to a new school year!

Start the year off right by getting your child excited about learning. Model your own enthusiasm for school and encourage them to be excited with you. Talk about the reasons why you chose your child's school program. Explain how safe it makes you feel and how much you know your child is going to enjoy it. If allowed, send a favorite photo or a small reminder of home for the first day or two.

Establish a routine when you reach the program. Help your child take care of personal items, then remember to say goodbye. Parting with a short routine and a "quick" goodbye is a great way to show your child that you trust that they will be safe. Remind your child that you, or someone else they know, will be back to pick them up at the end of the day.



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters Ff, Mm, Aa, Pp, Tt, Oo

Shape Circle

Numbers 1 & 2

Color Red

Character Trait Kindness

Letter Ff fish, fork, fan

Letter Mm milk, mouse, moon

Letter Aa apple, alligator, astronaut

Letter Pp pig, penguin, piano

Letter Tt tiger, tooth, turtle

Letter Oo octopus, otter, olive



RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

How to Babysit a Grandma
by Jean Reagan

The Quilt Story
by Tony Johnston

Glad Monster, Sad Monster
by Ed Emberley & Anne Miranda

I Will Surprise My Friend!
by Mo Willems

The Kissing Hand
by Audrey Penn



Happy or Sad

(To the tune of "Frère Jacques")
For a more intimate singing experience with your child, replace "dear friend" with your child's name.

Are you sad, are you sad?
My dear friend, my dear friend.
Tell me what is wrong,
Then I'll sing you a song.
My dear friend, my dear friend.

Are you happy, are you happy?
My dear friend, my dear friend.
Let's sing and dance together,
We'll be friends forever.
My dear friend, my dear friend.

Family Activities

Family Album

Look through family photos with your child. Show pictures of other family members when they were babies and when they were preschool age - just like your child is now. Children enjoy hearing stories about themselves, so help them create their own story. Start with how your family felt when they knew a baby was on the way. Share stories of your child's milestones and interests. Find time to add to the story periodically and keep it updated.

