

Sonshine Community Newsletter

October 2023 3 Year Old Class



Teachers: Mrs. Rucker

Teaching Asst: Mrs. Phyllis

MONTHLY THEMES:

Our themes this month centers around life on the farm (i.e. farm animals, farm activity, farm produce). We will talk about the different farm animals. We will use correct names for the mothers and babies (i.e. horse/foal; chicken/chicks). We will match pictures of mothers with their babies as we talk about similarities and differences between the animals. We will talk about the care the animals need and the food they eat. We will look at different food products we find in the store and try to identify the animal that produces it. We will talk about how food arrives in our stores.

In addition, we will be noting the changes that take place around us during the Fall season. We will be exploring some of the unique food products of fall. We will examine gourds and Indian corn and use words to describe what we see (rough, smooth, marbled). We will be painting orange pumpkins for our bulletin board. Our colors are yellow, brown, and orange. We will be practicing recognizing squares and triangles as we construct a classroom barn out of construction paper.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH:

We will end the month with a Harvest Party Monday, Oct. 23rd for the MWF class and Tuesday, October 24th for our TTH class. We will dress up as mice and will go on a hunt for our winter supply of food so that we are not hungry during the cold winter months. We will eat popcorn, corn nuts, and a variety of seed foods. Watch for the sign-up sheets at the front desk, as we will be asking for your help. During our Harvest Party the children will decorate circle shaped cookies with orange frosting and candy corn. If you can bake or buy plain circle shaped sugar cookies, NO frosted cookies, please sign up at the front desk.

FINGERPLAYS/SONGS/NURSERY RHYMES:

The Farmer in the Dell

Old McDonald Had A Farm

Little Boy Blue

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

There's A Little White Duck

I'm A Little Piglet

(Sung to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little piglet who love to play;
In the mud all day I will stay.
My tail is curly, any food I will take;
Oink, oink, oink is the noise I make

Ten Little Ponies

Ten little ponies *(hold up ten fingers)*
Go for a gallop *(move hands to the right)*
They go for a trot *(move hands to the left)*
They come to a halt in the big feed lot *(keep hands still)*
Ten little ponies *(hold up ten fingers)*
Fat and well fed *(pat stomach)*
Curl up together *(curl fingers)*
In a soft straw bed *(lay fingers in lap)*

BOOKS SHARED:

Are You My Mother? Little Peep by Arnold Lobel
The Little Farm by Lois Lenski Growing Pumpkins by Melvin Berger
Squirrels All Year Long (Big Book) Apples and Pumpkins
Animals and Their Babies) by Melvin Berger
What's in the Big Red Barn Over on the Farm by Chris Gunson
Pull n Push Who Lives Here? by Alan Snow
Oink! Moo! How Do You Do? by Grace Maccarone
Big Red Barn by Margaret Brown Down on the Farm with Grover
Pig, Horse, or Cow, Don't Wake Me Now

ITEMS NEEDED:

For our Harvest Party, we will need circle-shaped plain cookies (no frosting or colored sugar on them) for each child so that we can frost them and make a pumpkin face with raisins and candy corn. If you can help, please watch for our sign-up sheet on the front desk.

SPECIAL DATES TO NOTE:

November 1	Fall Fundraiser
October 9	Columbus Day - the entire facility will be closed
October 23 & 24	Harvest Party
October 26 & 27	Parent-Teacher Conf./NOON DISMISSAL
October 31	Picture Day
November 1	Picture day

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

November 22	NOON DISMISSAL
November 23-24	School Closed – Thanksgiving Break
December 8	NOON DISMISSAL All students will be Performing in the Christmas Program at 7:00pm (Children should arrive at 6:45pm)

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH:

Alina Kalarikkal **Oct. 22**

We like to celebrate each child's birthday with them. You need to speak to your child's teacher about bringing in cupcakes, brownies or donut holes (**no cakes, please**), for your child's birthday. Each birthday child is treated with special honor on his/her day and we like to plan it so that children with birthdays close together do not end up celebrating on the same day.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Remember to sign in & out your child at the front desk and take time to read notes emailed or sent home in your child's backpack.

<p>LABELS need to be on all coats, jackets and sweaters! Unless your child's coat is labeled, it is difficult to know who belongs to which coat. Remember, we are looking at a coat rack with a number of coats that look the same!</p>
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You need to sign up for a time to meet in-person with your child's teacher for Parent/Teacher conferences. Sign up sheets will be at the front desk. If you are unable to attend in-person please let the teacher and director know via email or give us a call. We will make other arrangements to discuss your child's progress.

PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE CARED FOR BY A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER, AS WE BELIEVE IT IS NOT IN HIS/HER BEST INTEREST TO TALK IN FRONT OF HIM/HER.

All nursery school payments are due by the 10th of the month to avoid a late fee. By the 10th of this month you should have made a total of three payments (June 2024, September 2023, October 2023).

Day Care payments should be made every two weeks. For parents of Day Care children, bills are placed in your child's lunch bag or backpack. If for some reason you have not been receiving your bill please give us a call. Payments should be made at the beginning of each two-week period. If you need to adjust your hours please put the time changes on paper and hand it in at the office or email it to Mrs. DeCicco. We will then verify whether we are able to accommodate your needs.

The year is off to a great start! The children are adapting to the school routine. Progress is already noted in their ability to join in circle time and in their understanding of clean-up time. It is difficult for young children to stop an activity they are enjoying and participate in clean up. We will continue to work on taking turns and staying in line as we move through the building. This is extremely important during a fire drill. Please remember to update any changes in phone numbers, cell numbers or contact information. This is extremely important in the event of an emergency or illness.

Thanks again for sharing your child with us. We are enjoying the uniqueness of each one!