



First Step Newsletter

SPECIAL NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are so happy to see so much growth in your child in just a few weeks. The children are getting used to the class routine, and the parent anxiety separation for some of our students is much better. The children are truly happy with their friends and teachers.

We are having class and individual class pictures on Thursday Sept. 8 and Friday Sept. 9 by Life Touch Co. We are planning a field trip to a farm on Friday Sept. 16. There will not be regular school on that day or Friday Fun. Please read the flyer for details.

Cookie dough and butter braid sales started Monday, **Sept. 12**, and will end on **Wednesday, Sept. 28**. We will place a catalog and order form in your child's cubby. We are asking for your support in this fundraiser. It can assist in your baking needs during the up-coming holidays, and you'll be supporting the preschool at the same time. Please come and pick up your orders on Wednesday, **Oct. 5 @ 9:00 am**. Our freezer is not big enough to store all the cookie dough and butter braids. Thank you for supporting us with this fundraiser.

Classroom schedules are posted in each classroom bulletin board and any information that I find useful I will post in the Parent Bulletin board located in the hallway.

September 22 & 23 we will not have regular classes as we will have assessment day. Please sign up for a time to come and have your child tested one on one with the teacher. .

God bless you,

Geanina

"The lord watches over all who love him." Psalm 145:20

Mini Movement" every month with Nicole Konz, Certified Nia Instructor

Based on the fusion-fitness [Nia Technique], Mini Movement uses child-like play and creative expression to discover the joy of movement. Nia is comprised of three martial arts (tae kwon do, tai chi and aikido), three dance arts (jazz, modern, and Duncan) and three healing arts (yoga, Alexander technique-movement from the head, and the work of Moshe Feldenkrais which is about ease and comfort in the body). In mini movement, children gain greater flexibility, agility, mobility, stability and strength as we dance, stretch, make-believe, and more!

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Reminders:

- ☺ Individual & class pictures
Thurs. Sept. 8 & Fri.
Sept. 9
- ☺ School Farm Field Trip
Friday Sept. 16 meeting
@ 9:00 am @ the farm.
No regular school that
Friday or Friday Fun
- ☺ Please wash your child's
hand upon entrance to the
classroom
- ☺ Please don't forget to sign
your child in and out

FRIDAY FUN!!!!

- Sign-up begins each
Monday morning by
phone or signing up by
the office
- Pay per session on that
day
- Pack a lunch
- All Sessions end
promptly @ 3:15 pm

All Stars 2

Little Monkeys 2

NEWS FROM LITTLE MONKEYS CLASSROOM

What a great group of kids! They are doing a great job learning the daily routines! Last month we started sending home Bible verses, please help your child practice the verse at home. After learning each verse, the children will earn treasure box. Show-and-Tell is every Thursday and Friday.

We are going to learn about farm animals and we are planning a field trip to a farm on Friday Sept. 16 (more information on the flyer.) We are also going to have visitors coming to talk to the children for Community Helpers Unit!

September 22 & 23 we will not have regular classes as we will have assessment day. Please sign up for a time to come and have your child tested one on one with the teacher. Your child will play games with us to determine what numbers, letters, shapes, colors, etc they recognize. We will use this information to identify and improve each child's progress throughout the year. We will send home a sealed copy in your child's cubby. In March we repeat this and have parent/teacher conferences to discuss the results with you in April. Any time during the year, feel free to talk to us. Your insights and observations are invaluable. Remember that we love volunteers. As the weather changes please don't forget a little jacket or sweatshirt for your child.

God bless you all, Ms. Geanina and Ms. Tammy

NEWS FROM ALL STARS

August flew by in a whirl! The children are doing a great job of learning routines and getting to know each other. This year we will be working on skills your child will need in Kindergarten such as letter/sound recognition, counting, and writing their names. We will be asking your child to write his/her name using a capital at the beginning only. Please help your child with this at home as this is an important skill they will need for Kindergarten. This month we will start sending home Bible verses and discussing them in class. After learning each verse, your child will earn treasure box. **September 23 & 24 are assessment days. We will NOT have regular classes on either day. Please sign up for a time to come and have your child tested one on one with the teacher.** Your child will play games with us to determine what numbers, letters, shapes, colors, etc he/she recognizes. We will use this information to identify and improve each child's progress throughout the year. We will send home a sealed copy in your child's cubby. In March we repeat this and have parent/teacher conferences to discuss the results with you in April.

* Don't forget Show and Tell is on Thursday and Friday. Please send an item that corresponds with the letter of the week!

*Below you will find our morning prayer and blessing as some children have been asking to say them at home.

Morning Prayer: Thank you God for our friends and family, on this beautiful day. Amen.

Blessing: Bless us O Lord for this food we are about to eat. Amen.

Blessings,

Ms. Kara and Ms. Jessica

THEMES & LETTER OF THE WEEK:

Week of Sept. 5 - 9: Farm & letter O

Week of Sept. 12-16: Community Helpers & letter H

Week of Sept. 19 -23: Community Helpers & letter R

- Week of Sept. 26-30: Ocean & Letter O

Bible Verses

September 1- 16

In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth. *Genesis: 1:1*

September 19-30

Love one another. *John 13:34*