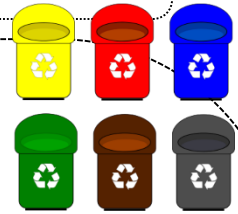


What's Happening in Pre-K



Week of April 17, 2017
Theme: Caring for the Earth – Reuse, Recycle

Each day we begin our day with saying the Pledge of Allegiance, checking the calendar and the helper chart, reading the Morning Message and writing our Daily News. *The ongoing goals and objectives for these activities are to build citizenship skills; have the children assume roles and responsibilities in the classroom; learn about writing as a form of communication; understand the sounds of language; build phonological awareness; understand conventions of print; contribute ideas in group writing activities.*

Language arts: We will be reading books about recycling. New vocabulary words include: landfill, sanitation worker, reduce, reuse, recycle, decompose, rotten, habitat, prey, poaching, preserves, clog, overflow, pollution, compost and many more.

Emerging literacy: We will play Sight Word Concentration and work on rhyming words. We'll search for sight words in our LFO papers.

Fine motor & writing: We will be working on the letter Z this week in our handwriting books. We will practice our writing skills by writing our daily news and by making a class book about ways we can help the earth. We'll tear paper to make recycled paper.

Our goals and objectives in Language Arts, Emerging Literacy and Fine Motor and Writing are to motivate the children to read; to provide lots of opportunities for phonological awareness and letter recognition as well as reading comprehension. The children also have opportunities and support in writing and knowing the conventions of print. They will have opportunities to use information from books.

Math: We will weigh and graph our trash daily and use recycled lids for counting and patterning. We'll use ordinal numbers as well as cardinal numbers. *Our goals and objectives in these lessons are to teach patterning skills and graphic representations; counting using both cardinal and ordinal numbers; use "equal", "more", "less", "fewer" to describe sets .*

Social studies: We will take a walk to find materials to reuse or recycle. We'll discuss the responsibilities of all people to keep the earth clean and safe. *Children will identify similarities and differences between themselves and others; will learn about roles and responsibilities..*

Science: Mrs. Youngjohn will continue our exploration and experiences with eggs and oviparous animals. We will also observe the process of decomposition. *Children use scientific investigation, ask questions, and learn about and describe life cycles. They will observe, discuss and describe characteristics of decomposing food.*

Social/emotional: We'll work together to make paper, work in our class Recycling Center and collect trash for class use . *Children to be aware of their own bodies and respect personal space, follow directions, self-regulate and work cooperatively with others.*

Physical development: In addition to our walk, we'll practice ball skills, jumping, running, hopping and balancing. *Children will master basic physical skills and learn about safety.*

Fine arts: We will illustrate our class book and make a sculpture using recycled materials – a STEM project. In Music and Drama, the children will act out some of the songs we sing. We'll learn recycling songs and review some of our favorite songs. *The children will use a variety of art materials for sensory experience and exploration and as a means of self-expression. Children will sing and move to various rhythms and recreate experiences.*

Our **Faith Development** for the next couple of weeks will be based on the greatest commandment, *Matthew 22: 36-40 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."*

We will remember this commandment as we work on self-control and other social skills.

School/Home Connection

- Read for fun every day!
- Play Concentration with your child
- Talk with your child about what you recycle and reuse at home. Can you do more?



Important Dates & Reminders

- April 14—Junior Journey to the Cross in Fellowship Hall. Parent supervision is required as you experience the interactive walk through Holy Week.
- April 16—Family Easter Service at 9:45 in the Sanctuary
 - April 20 – a trombonist will visit
 - April 27 - Chapel
- Please take the Parent Survey found on our webpage. We really value your opinions and comments.

Many thanks to the Borel Family who provided a Petting Zoo for the children last week. The children had a wonderful time riding a pony and petting bunnies, goats, chickens and a duck.