

In the Classroom

The year is flying by! The children are growing in independence, deepening their concentration and making lots of great choices. We are continually refreshing our shelves to follow the interest of the children.

Science- We are wrapping up our study of birds and moving to mammals. We have studied fall leaves and parts of the pumpkin.

Practical Life- Some favorite choices are slicing apples and bananas, spreading, button sewing and making a dream catcher.

Geography- We are studying the United States Regions. If you have an artifact, postcard, etc. from any state we would be grateful!

Language- Choices include alphabetical order, beginning sound extensions, extensions with metal insets, writing numbers and object search.

Songs- Quiet by Bev Bos, What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong, Marching Around the Alphabet by Hap Palmer.

Books- Brown Bear by Bill Martin Jr., Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou, The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds

Conference Day for 3rd Year Students

Conferences for 3rd year students will be on January 14th. Please remember to call the office (255-7330) to sign –up for a conference time for your third year student. The morning class will have a.m. slots available and the afternoon class will have p.m. slots available for conferences. There is no school for students on this day.



December Open House

Our first Classroom II Open House will be on Friday, December 17th, 2010. The classroom will be open from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to give your child/children the opportunity to share their classroom with you. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We will have a variety of seasonal activities for you and your children to enjoy. The rest of the school is on a half-day schedule and will have early dismissal mid-day.

Developing Concentration

One of the qualities we strive to develop in the children is concentration. Concentration involves the abilities to focus, screen out distractions, delay gratification, and regulate impulses and emotional responses. As we progress through the year, we prepare our classroom with choices that require deeper concentration and longer periods of sustained work. This deepening of concentration, which begins in Practical Life activities, is key to your child's development as he/she progresses through school and later as an adult in the world.

There are several ways that you can partner with us in this goal of developing concentration. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep. When a child has not had enough rest the night before, his ability to concentrate is compromised. Also make sure your child gets plenty of exercise. This increases blood flow to the brain and stimulates hormonal responses that increase mental sharpness. And lastly, control your child's time in front of the television. Encourage more productive activities (board games, reading etc) that engage the mind and sustain their attention.

Thank You

Thank you to Sanjana and Anika's mom for a wonderful classroom presentation!

Dates to Remember

December 17-Classroom II Open House

December 20-Winter Break begins

January 3- Classes resume

January 14- Conference Day for 3rd year students.

Have a wonderful winter break!

