

**FRIDAY FRIENDS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER 15 & SEPTEMBER 28**

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!

September 18

This week we will emphasize the colors red and yellow and the shape circle. At group time the children will search for Red and Yellow objects which will need to be small enough to fit inside a circle. We will also be observing the objects to determine how they are alike and different, as well as count them. Did everyone choose one? Do we have the same number of objects as we have children? The understanding of one-to-one correspondence is an important math concept. You, too, can help your child to develop premath skills by counting, counting, counting, and by purposefully paying attention to those opportunities to match-count one-to-one, and by categorizing everyday objects. While doing so, you can also help him or her to notice differences and similarities in those objects.

We will also be using glue this week. Proper use of the brushes will be emphasized. Remembering to wipe the paint or glue brush and brushing away the puddles of glue and paint will be ongoing throughout the year. We also will be working on those fine motor skills by tearing yellow paper and gluing the pieces on a paper plate to make a sun. Our book will be Sunshine on My Shoulders by John Denver.



September 25

This week we will explore the colors green and blue. We will find green and blue objects around our classroom which will, again, need to be small enough to fit inside a circle. We will introduce the shapes square and triangle. We will paint with a small triangle-shaped sponge. Using those small muscles, we will place one finger on each side of the sponge, dip it in blue paint and then pat-pat-pat to make a triangle print on the triangle paper. Working with materials which use the small muscles in fingers and hands help develop them for writing. Our book this week is Pete the Cat and His White Shoes by Eric Litwin.

