

## PREK NEWS AND ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2020

### LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING! CURRENT PRE-K EVENTS AT A GLANCE!

**September 16:** Little Caesar's Fundraiser begins

**September 18:** Please have your child bring a picture of his or her family to school no later than today!

**September 28:** Mrs. Schablein teaches music

**October 2:** Special Art with Mrs. Depaoli

**October 5:** Petting Zoo will be coming to Creative

**October 7:** Mr. Goldie visits

#### WEEK of SEPTEMBER 9-11

Our theme this week is "All about me"! Through observation and discussion, the children will come to realize that there are ways that they are similar as well as ways they are different. On Wednesday the children will be drawing a picture of themselves and over the next few days the children will tell us about themselves. We will graph our hair and eye color and also do a graph of how many boys and how many girls are in our class. We will continue our lesson of 'Me' with a STEAM activity where we will create faces out of everyday objects.



On Friday, we will continue the theme, "All about Me". On Wednesday we discussed how each of us looks different - hair color, eye color, height, and gender. Today we broaden our discussion to include things we like and dislike. We will see how we are alike and different through our art activity "Colors of Me". We will talk about circles, learn that a three dimensional circle is called a sphere, and review the numerals 0 and 1. Each child will make a noodle number line this week, which we will use as a visual aid to assist us to learn about our number each week, as well as help us to form the numerals.

The Science table this month will allow your child to have the opportunity to explore items found in nature. The children are also encouraged to bring in any items they discover in nature to share with the class!

In the motor skills room, we will listen and move to songs which help us to learn the names of and identify more body parts.

Just a reminder... we need a family picture family on Friday, September 18!

#### WEEK of SEPTEMBER 14 - 18

Families will be the topic on Monday. During circle time this week, each child will share his or her family photo and then in Art he or she will make their family using different shapes. Creating this family page gives the children an opportunity to see how families are the same/different. This art lesson also helps the children with one-to-one correspondence. For each member of your family your child will need to choose one head and one body. We will discuss the number 2 and things that come in pairs. We will learn about rectangles this week as well.

On Wednesday we will celebrate Dot Day! We will read the book "The Dot" by Peter Reynolds and create an art project based on the book. We will discuss creativity and courage while leaving our mark and we will continue with a STEAM project to correspond with the book as well.

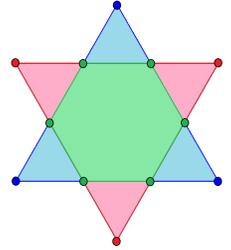
On Friday, each child will build his/her family using unifex cubes. We will compare families and group families with the same number of members together. Each child will discover that, just as individuals are different, so are families. We will talk about a different type of measurement, too - the measurement of time called the four seasons. We will discuss the season of summer and things that are done during the season of summer; then each child will make a "Four Seasons" cover page. We will also discuss what an author and an illustrator do. Be sure to ask your child if he/she will be an author and an illustrator this year! We will also finish our family page by adding details to each of our family members.



#### WEEK of SEPTEMBER 21 - 25

Friendship will be a topic we will discuss this week. We begin our study of the alphabet, as well, beginning with the letter **Ss**. This week we will learn that a triangle has three sides and that a three dimensional triangle is a pyramid. We will name some things that are shaped like a triangle and a pyramid. The numeral for this week is 3. This week we also begin our study of our five senses. We will read, The Looking Book by P. K. Hallinan and talk about our sense of sight.

On Monday each child will make an upper case "S" snake in Art. Everyone will also complete a page for their Alphabet Writing Book. We will read the book, Sam's Sandwich and then each child will create a sandwich with unusual ingredients, just like Sam did in the book we read! Their sandwich art will be placed in each child's Alphabet Writing Book that will come home towards the end of the year. We will do a science experiment and make predictions about what may happen to flowers that are placed into colored water. Whenever we are scientists, it will be stressed that something can be learned from both correct and incorrect predictions.



On Wednesday, after reading Draw Me a Star, by Eric Carle, your child will draw a star using two triangles. This activity reinforces that triangles have three sides, as well as value of the number three, and provides excellent practice in listening and following directions! Every child will then color the dot-to-dot star and cut it out. Your child will also complete the summer page of his/her Seasons book.

On Friday we will observe our Queen Anne's Lace experiment and discover if any of the predictions we made on Monday happened! Your child will also make a lower case "s" sun.



### WEEK of SEPTEMBER 28 - October 2

This week will be another fun and busy week! Our letter for this week is Tt. Everyone will make an uppercase "T" tractor in Art on

Monday and a lowercase "t" tree.

On Wednesday, to correspond with our farm lessons, we will make a cow windsock. We will discuss farm animals and farm jobs. We will also read the book, Ten Apples Up On Top by Theo LeSieg. Each child will draw him/herself balancing 10 items on his/her head.



On Friday, we will have our first Special Art with Mrs. DePaoli! We will study a new artist and learn about different art techniques and create our own masterpieces based on the artist.

Square and the numeral 4 will be discussed this week, as well. If there is time this week, we will read the book, Inch by Inch, by Leo Lionni, and each child will make an inch worm ruler. Your child will be given the opportunity to measure items in our classroom with his/her "worm" ruler. It is our hope that they will also measure things in your home with this ruler!

WOW!! WHAT A GREAT FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL! Getting to know your child is so much fun!