

September 8, 2009



Dear Parent(s),

I hope you had a fun three day weekend with your child. Your child continues to have fun in preschool. We learn many new concepts each and every day. We had a great week learning about the theme of apples connected to the letter "A". Your child was excited to learn the sound the letter "A" makes. We also investigated apples and found out there is a star inside an apple. Your child was excited to learn about the parts of an apple: the stem, the skin, the fruit, the seeds, and the core. We also had a great time tasting apples and making a graph of which apples were our favorites.

Your child may or may not bring home an activity that he/she did each day. Some of the activities will go home and others will stay at school. For those activities that stay at school, some are activities that take more than one day to complete, and others are activities that we display in the classroom.

In last week's letter, I mentioned some information about sharing. Just a reminder, sharing will be connected to the theme of the week. This week, sharing will be connected to the letter "B." If your child wishes to participate in sharing, please help him/her find something in the house that starts with the letter "B."

During your child's Home Visit, you met Binky the Bear. He is going to begin his traveling journeys next week after our investigations of bears. All the names of the children in the class will be put in a cup and each night a name will be picked to see who will take Binky home. When Binky comes to your house, have lots of fun with him, write a story in his journal, and then send him back to school the next day.

This week we will begin our visits to the library. Our library day will be on Tuesdays. One week when your child visits the library, it will be to check out a book only. The next week, when we visit the library your child will sing a song, hear a story, and check out a book. Your child will bring home the book in his/her library bag. In order to check out a book the following week, please return the book to school before the next library day.

A special note:

***If your child is going to be absent, please call the office at 892-7735 to let us know of the absence.**

Thank you for your support.

This week, we are going to start our week-long integrated theme investigation of Bears connected to the letter "B." We will focus on other letters as well, but our main focus will be on the letter "B" and the sound "B" makes. We will look at bears, both real and storybook (pretend). We will also focus on language development and how to answer simple questions related to books that we read. Some of the activities for the week are as follows:

- Each child will add paper clothes to a paper bear, add a face and features, and decorate the clothes.
 - This will follow a reading of the book "Jesse Bear What Will You Wear."
- Each child will use yarn to lace a paper that is shaped like a bear's face.
 - This will follow a reading of the book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt."
- Each child will create a book to retell the story Brown Bear, Brown Bear
 - This will follow a reading of the book "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?"

Thank you for your support. I look forward to a great short week with your child that is filled with lots of learning, discovering, and exploring.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hughes