



October 19, 2009

Dear Parent(s),

Last week, your child had a great week continuing our investigation of farms in connection with the letter "F." Your child was very excited to create a farm in a box with a big colored barn, animals, and a farmer. The farms were started on last week and your child worked hard throughout the two weeks to add something to the farm each day. This week your child will tell a story about his/her farm at school. Your child's farm will be kept at school and shared with you during your child's parent/teacher conference. We also worked on the sounds the animals make and looked at the difference between real animal sounds and pretend animal sounds.

We have also been working on making good choices throughout the school day. Some of the good choices we have been working on are:

- ✚ Keeping our hands to ourselves, and listening and following directions.
- ✚ Using our words to solve problems and using our kind words.
- ✚ Using our quiet, inside voices when we are inside.

**Here are some special notes:**

- **We have been working with the child on covering their coughs and sneezes. We have also been working on good hand washing skills. Please help reinforce these skills at home. We are doing what we can to help keep our classmates healthy.**
- **Picture Day at Shining Stars is coming up. Picture Day will be Monday and Tuesday, October 26 and 27. Our picture day is Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences are going to be held the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please look for information regarding conferences in your child's folder. After you send back choices regarding the best times for you, a confirmation note will be sent home to let you know the exact date and time of your conference. Due to Parent/Teacher Conferences, there will be no school on Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.**

We will begin our investigation of the theme Goodnight Moon. This theme is connected to the letter "G." Our Zoo-Phonics animal for the letter G is Gordo Gorilla and he helps teach the children the sound the letter G makes. This theme is related to the book Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown. It is a book that is easy for the children to learn and help to tell the story. This book also focuses on the skill of rhyming. The activities for the week will be a big project that is added to each day and will be finished at the end of the week. Some of the activities for the week are as follows:

- Cutting out a paper moon to start our Goodnight Moon mobiles.
- Creating a paper bear with shapes, adding the bear to a paper chair and placing it on our goodnight mobiles.
- Creating a paper kitten with shapes, adding the kitten to a paper mitten and placing it on our goodnight mobiles.
- Creating a paper mouse with shapes, adding the mouse to a paper house and placing it on our goodnight mobiles.

Your child is very excited to learn new concepts each week. It is exciting to watch your child learn new concepts and share what he/she has learned with others. It is also great to see the new friendships that your child has made with the children that are in his/her class. I look forward to a great week with your child. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Mrs. Hughes

PTO needs members! For \$5.00 you can become a member of PTO, please think about joining our PTO. PTO helps our school with many events. More information will come home regarding PTO.