



Viera Children's  
Academy

October 2020



## Infant Newsletter

### IT'S TIME FOR FALL

Can you believe it? September is gone, and we are now in the month of October. Last month, the infants learned all about their senses through hands on activities. The infants learned how to say please and thank you in both Spanish and American Sign Language. October brings in more adventure for the babies. The infant team will be teaching the children all about Fall and all the wonderful changes that come in Fall. The infant team have collaborated to plan hands-on activities for the children that will enhance their learning experience. The team is so excited about all the great things planned for the month of October. Happy Harvest Season!



- Butterfly and Beenie Teachers

### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic that our country is facing, we have adapted in procedures to slow the spread of the corona virus.

- Curbside Pickup and Dropoff
- Temperature Check Stations
- Masks must be worn by parents
- Masks will be worn by all staff members
- Intensified cleaning procedures
- Set playground time to allow for adequate cleaning
- Social distancing
- Protective Counter Screen Guard
- Adjusted hours to allow teachers to clean classrooms for the next day (7:00am -5:30pm)
- Updated Policy and Waiver form to be signed by Parents before child's arrival to school.

In order to safely re-open VCA we need the full support and cooperation of all our families to effectively limit the potential transmission of the COVID-19 virus among our staff, students, and the local community.

**"A person is a person no matter how small."**

**-Dr. Seuss**

*"The littlest feet make the biggest footprints in your hearts!"*

# Monthly Theme

**Theme of the Month:** Fall  
**Concept of the Month:** Pairs and Nursey Rhymes  
**Color of the Month:** Orange-Anaranjado  
**Shape of the Month:** Circle  
**Letter of the Month:** E, F  
**Numbers of the Month:** 3

## Sign Language

### Ready to Sign

Here at Viera Children's Academy, we teach our children sign language. In our toddler classrooms, the teacher encouraged the children to express themselves using sign language. Often times we have parents trying to decipher what the children are trying to express, because the children go home and communicate with their parents in sign language. To help our parents, here are a few illustrations of our frequently used signs we use in the class.



Milk is signed by making opening and closing your hand, as if you are milking a cow. This is a very useful sign for babies who are breast-feeding or on formula.



Eat looks as if you are putting food to your mouth, with your thumb to your fingers. Eat is particularly useful for babies on solids.



All Done is signed by twisting your hands back and forth. It allows baby to tell you they are finished eating.

For more sign language illustration, please visit <http://www.babysignlanguage.com/dictionary/first-signs/>

## JUST A REMINDER

- Please only bring in two cups for children who are over the age of one. One cup will be for milk and the other cup will be for water.
- Label all your children's item with their FIRST and LAST name on them. This includes cups, diapers, clothing, and bedding.
- If you wish for your child to have diaper rash ointment or sunscreen applied to your child while at school, please have an authorization formed filled out and returned to administration.

## Upcoming Events

October 6<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent's Night Out  
October 12<sup>th</sup>- Columbus Day  
October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>- Picture Day

## Teacher Communication

If there is ever anything you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact them at your convenience. Your child's teacher can be reached through your KidReports app.