



Viera Children's
Academy

October 2020



Preschool Newsletter

Fall Fun

Dear Parents,

We thought this month that we would explain the significance of 'Circle Time' and how the children learn in all areas of development.

Social/Emotional: The children learn that they are valued, capable and important members of a large group. They get to know one and other, each other's families, feelings, and ideas. We also have group problem solving - identify problems and find solutions as a group.

Physical: Dancing, stretching, active games and directional movement activities are all gross motor activities which provide opportunities to learn about space and body movement. Fine motor skills are incorporated through shared writing, puzzles, and games.

Cognitive: High Scope curriculum entails Plan, Do and Review the Theme, concepts, and activities for the day. Circle Time is where we plan and review those activities. It is also where do Show 'n Tell, number, letter and word recognition as a group.

Language: Reading stories, rhymes and poetry help children develop a wonderful love of books, learn new words, explore the sounds and rhythms of language, and develop prediction and comprehension skills. In addition to learning to listen, circle time discussions provide an opportunity to learn the give and take of conversation.

The most important thing about circle time is that the children feel safe to express themselves, explore, provoke imagination learn and grow in a caring environment while having loads of fun.

Thank you - Ms. Denise, Ms. Maeve & Ms. Karen

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.

"Your speed does not matter, forward is forward" - the latest Kate

Monthly Theme

Week 1: Fall Leaves/ Fall Colors
Week 2: Farm Animals
Week 3: Pets on a Farm/Pets at Home
Week 4: Fall Harvest/ Pumpkins
Concept: Opposites, Fire Safety, and Fall
Letters: G, H, I
Color: Orange/ Anaranjado
Shape: Circle **Numbers:** 5 & 6

Photos



JUST A REMINDER

- Please wear a mask when picking up and dropping off your child at the center.
- We are a PEANUT-FREE school.
- Label ALL your child's belonging. This includes but is not limited to diapers, bottles, cups, clothing, sheets, etc.
- **Please bring some family photos including pets to hang in the classroom. This gives the children a home/school connection and they love to show you off to their classroom friends.**

Upcoming Birthdays

Logan 14th Vineel 25th Sawyer 28th - all in the Sand Hill Crane Class.



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.

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