

Preschool Newsletter

Settling down in September

Dear Parents,

We have made it through the August transition with remarkable resilience. The children have adapted to their new environment and are settling into the preschool routines and activities without too much protest. They are gaining confidence and their true personalities are beginning to shine.

We thought that this month that we would explain the importance of Show 'n tell. It is not just about giving the children a reason to bring toys to class; their social, emotional and language skills will grow and develop from this activity as they learn to use descriptive language, practice listening skills and share their special items with others. Please feel free to ask us to explain any activity that you are unsure of its importance, reason, or benefits. We will be more than happy to elaborate.

What are the benefits of Show-and-Tell?

- The children are given the opportunity to speak in front of others.
- Each child gets to be the center of attention.
- Children share things from home with their friends and the teacher.
- Children choose items that are meaningful, and theme related to talk about.
- Children learn to respect each other's turn to speak.
- Children practice the skill of listening to and answering simple questions.
- Children practice the skill of asking simple questions.

Many Thanks

Ms. Naomi, Ms. Karen, and Ms. Maeve

September 2020



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

Monthly Theme

Week 1: Sense of Touch Week 2: Sense of Hearing

Week 3: Sense of Taste & Smell Week 4: Famous Artists & Poets Week 5: Music, Music, Music.....

Color: Routines Letters: D, E & F Color: Yellow/white Shape: Pentagon

Numbers: 3 & 4

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

Zeph. on 2nd, Luciana on 5th, Mika on 7th, Max on 14th, Amanda on 15th and Kai on 22nd - all in the Sand Hill Crane Class. Dawson on the 27th in the Monkey 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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