



Viera Children's
Academy

January 2021



Preschool Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We had a great 'Holiday Season' which pretty much started at Thanksgiving and then we celebrated our way through Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. It was a wonderful time to learn about, demonstrate and respect the differences and similarities between our cultures and traditions. The preschoolers love to party. Thank you so much for sharing these traditions with us. It reinforces the home school connection which is vital to the children.

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.

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. 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 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 keep VCA safely opened; 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.

" Children must be taught how to think not what to think" - Margaret Mead

Monthly Theme

Week 1: Air, Rain and Sunshine

Week 2: Community Helpers

Week 3: Martin Luther King - Manners & Respect

Week 4: Eric Carle Week

Concept: Pairs **Letters:** P, Q & R

Color: Blue/Azul

Shape: Star **Numbers:** 11 & 12

JUST A REMINDER

- VCA Is closed on President's Day January 20th
- 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.

Photos



Upcoming Birthdays

Norah on the 25th and Zaire on the 11th



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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