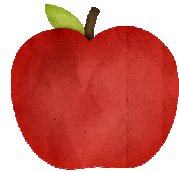
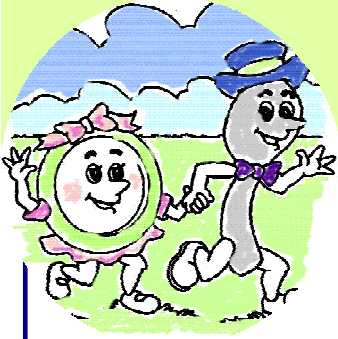


The Dish & Spoon

September 2009



New in September

New activities that will be included with our curriculum this year are:

Brainstorming: We will be using the brainstorm Log during circle time to invite children into the planning process. I will be using this open-ended discussion model to identify the child's:

1. Existing knowledge=I Know
2. Desired learning goals=I Wonder
3. Personal strategies for gaining new knowledge-I Will Try

I think we'll be hearing the kids use these statements!

In addition to the *Weather Dude* puppet, we have a female weather puppet that we named Autumn.

Environmental Science lessons will be included in our monthly activities. Research says environmental education based on life experiences should begin during the earliest years of life. You will see and hear about "EcoKid" boy and girl challenges. We will work together as a group on the "challenges" and create badges with what we've learned about our world. We'll be helping our Earth smile!

All the kids enjoy being little helpers. This school year there will be more opportunities for them to contribute to the room in meaningful ways. Jobs will include: snack helper, calendar helper, meteorologist, music helper, story chooser, clean up helper, bug catcher, garbage patrol, nap mat helper, "first one in line", etc.

Holidays/Days Closed Coming Up

Sept 7: Labor Day CLOSED

CLOSED September Sept 16-17-18

Happy Birthday!

Brett: September 14

Sam S: October 14



Notes from Stacy

I always look forward to starting preschool curriculum again in September. It's exciting for to me get back into a more structured routine and the kids are excited to learn. This month we're going to learn about the rainforest.

I find one of the biggest parts of my day is spent helping kids learn self help skills and routines such as proper handwashing, toileting, dressing and putting on shoes. Velcro shoes are perfect for day care. Please allow your child to do these activities on their own at home as well. It's healthy, builds children's confidence and we're building life long habits!

Hellos & Goodbyes

Good luck to Kimberly as she starts Kindergarten!! I remember her first day so well. We've learned a lot together and will miss seeing her everyday. We hope to see Kimberly & Allison throughout the school year on days off. Enjoy your new school in 4th grade Allison!

Thank you!

We enjoyed our vacation to Gulf Shores very much! It's so nice to be able to enjoy time off with family and a good feeling to leave and come back to the wonderful families I work with. We are looking forward to the days at our annual church convention next week.

Illness Policy

With the fall season arriving, I need to remind everyone about the day care illness policy.

Please do not send your child if:

- Fever over 100
- Vomiting or diarrhea or fever has occurred within the last 24 hrs.
- Must be on antibiotics for 24 hrs before returning to day care
- Uncontrollable cold symptoms or cough

We want to keep everyone healthy! As much as I disinfect and wash hands, viruses spread so fast. The best way to keep viruses from spreading is to keep your child home if he/she's sick! THANK YOU!

