

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2019

TRI-TOWN PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



GREETINGS!

Welcome to all of the new preschoolers and families. It has been a pleasure getting to know you. Welcome also to the seven returning students. We've enjoyed hearing about your summer adventures. We began the school year talking about our hopes and dreams, and together we came up with a list of rules to help us all achieve our goals. These rules include: 1. Be safe, 2. Be friendly, 3. Be helpful. Everyone has done a wonderful job so far, and we are thrilled with how quickly they have learned the routine. We are very much looking forward to a year of fun, friendship, and learning!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates to Remember

Friday, Oct. 11 No School
Monday Oct. 14 No School
Wednesday, Oct. 16 Early Childhood Screening (Call 508-748-0100 for more info.)
Tuesday, Oct. 22 Early Childhood Council Meeting 6:00PM at Sippican School
Friday, Oct. 25 Picture retake
Wednesday, Oct. 30 and Thursday, Oct. 31
Wear **orange** and/or **black** to school. No costumes please. Treats are welcome as long as they are in their original packaging. Thank you!



Visit from the Mattapoisett Police & Fire Department



On **Thursday, October 10th at 11:00AM**, members of the Mattapoisett Fire Department will be visiting our classroom to teach the preschoolers about fire safety and to provide a tour of a fire engine. The M/W/F class is welcome to join us with an adult. Also in October (date TBD), Police Sergeant Matthew McGraw will be visiting the classroom to talk to the preschoolers about his role in our school and in our community.



CURRICULUM



September was a very busy month for the preschoolers, as they were getting to know one another, getting to know the teachers & student teachers, making new friends, and learning the rules and routines of the classroom. The curriculum themes for the month included: All About Me, Family & Friends, Five Senses and Properties of Matter. We also focused on basic shapes, numbers 1-10 and the color red. Reciting "Mary Had a Little Lamb" each day provided many opportunities to learn about rhyming words. Throughout the month, we discussed how each individual is unique and special. We also discussed the importance of showing respect for one another and recognizing that everyone has feelings. The preschoolers drew self portraits and labeled their pictures for display. They were introduced to *Mat Man* (from *Learning Without Tears*) and identified many of the external body parts and functions of humans. They will continue to talk about how people change and grow over time. The preschoolers shared their feelings about school and shared information about themselves including their favorite color, food and activities, number of siblings, types of pets, etc. We defined a family as a special group of people and described some of the activities families participate in together. They each created a family photo page which will be displayed in the classroom throughout the year. The dramatic play center was set up as a baby nursery to provide opportunities for the preschool children to practice various family roles.

The preschoolers took turns speaking and listening in both small and large groups. They learned the importance of "Whole body listening" and waiting their turn to speak. The preschoolers also learned how friends are a key part of a happy and healthy life and that building friendships take time and effort. We will continue to talk about the qualities that make a good friend. In science, the preschoolers learned animals and humans have five senses that help them learn about their environment and the world. They participated in activities in which they were asked to use and identify the various senses and body parts. They also learned that all living and nonliving things are composed of *matter* having characteristic properties that distinguish one substance from another. They used words such as smooth, rough, hard, soft, etc. to describe various items including plastic, wood, metal, etc. As we transitioned from summer to fall, the children were asked to notice and describe the seasonal changes taking place around them.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Curriculum Themes for October:

- Autumn / Apples
- Community Helpers
- Fire Safety
- Trees / Leaves
- Forest Animals / Habitats
- Pumpkins (Life Cycle)
- Color: Orange
- Nursery Rhyme: "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe"
- Dramatic Play:
- Apple Orchard and Fire Station

