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Mrs. Scheel's Classroom Newsletter

Hello All,

It was so wonderful to see many of you at the family picnic this week end. I'll be sending home a class list this week with contact information to help you get better acquainted with each other. We are very excited to be welcoming our new friend Sam to our 3 day classroom. We have been enjoying getting to know each other in Preschool and Sam will be a great addition to our classroom. Our children are doing a fantastic job learning each other's names and building friendships. Mrs. Rosenwinkle, Mrs. Hanzel and I are really enjoying the great mix of



personalities we have in our classroom. The children have enjoyed filling our classroom with their art work these last two weeks. We Hope you enjoy all their fabulous works of art. You may be seeing more abstract works coming home soon as we explore the glorious colors God has given us! We are going to ask you to keep an eye out for pictures to clip out in the next few weeks as we jump into our color's unit. We are hoping to make our own colors book so if you find any magazine/newspaper pictures that represent one color please clip it and send it in. Thank you all for your help.

Dear Lord,

Grant that we may grow to know you better each day.
Help us to follow your example and to let your light shine
through all that we say and do. Amen

Circle Learning

For the next two weeks we will be working on a fun filled colors unit. We will be examining the world around us and re-discovering all the places God chose to paint his beautiful colors. We will explore how colors change when they are mixed and how colors can help us to tell a story. If you haven't already read the book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Eric Carle, you may want to check it out. We will be doing several activities around this story.

Jesus Time

Our color unit fits perfectly with the next bible lesson of Noah and the flood. For the next two weeks, we will enjoy re-telling this story in a number of different ways. Ask your child to tell it to you. My hope is by the end of the week our little ones will remember that God gave Noah a special job and He takes care of His people and animals. They will learn that even when we make poor choices He always loves us and that he gave us the rainbow as a reminder of his promise never to bring another flood.

Music and Movement

Our first week with Miss Kindshi was great fun. I've included the lyrics to her very entertaining turtle song on the next page. We will be learning a new Noah counting song this week as well as testing our skills at sequencing and following directions with our very first obstacle course for the year. We continue to enjoy the wonderful weather and our fun outside playground.

Sing Along Fun

The Turtle Song

I have a little turtle,
His name is Tiny Tim.
I put him in the bathtub
to see if he could swim.
He drank up all the water
Glug, Glug, Glug.
He ate up all the soap.
yumm, yummm, yummm.
And now he's sick in bed
with a bubble in his throat.
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble
(gets progressively louder
repeated 4 more times) POP!



Reminders to Parents

***Picture Day this week!** Tuesday morning we will be heading over to the big school for our pictures for our 2 day class and Wednesday the picture people will meet us in our building for picture day.

***Book Orders** - I have sent home our first scholastic book order today. Please do not feel pressured to buy anything but if you do enjoy collecting children's books as I do, this is a great inexpensive way to find some fabulous books. It is also a wonderful way to support our preschool and help us to enrich our classroom library. Checks for orders may be made payable to Scholastic.

This Week's Highlights

Monday/Tuesday

Blue and White

Wednesday/Thursday

Yellow and Brown

Friday

God's Rainbow

A look ahead to colors of the day next week:

Monday/Tuesday – Red and Orange

Wednesday/Thursday – Green and Black

Friday – Purple and Pink

Parent Corner

How Children Learn in Preschool

Children are learning every minute of the day. They learn from the way we organize the classroom, from the daily schedule, from the activities, and from their outdoor play.

The Classroom

The classroom is set up for learning. Children have many opportunities to make choices, come up with ideas, experiment, and take responsibility for their work. Here's what you'll see when you visit a preschool classroom.

- Materials are on low shelves, in containers, and on hooks so children can get them independently and put them away.
- Shelves are neat and uncluttered so materials are easy to see, remove and replace.
- There are many interest areas – blocks, dramatic play, toys and games, art, discovery, books, computer, and different play spaces outdoors –so children know what choices are available and make decisions.

A variety of learning materials are in each area so that no matter where children choose to play, they learn.

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