

Discovery Kids PRESCHOOL

September Newsletter

4-Year-Old Class

All About Me!

Dear parents, our first month was a success! Thank you for trusting your sweet preschoolers with Discovery Kids Preschool. **We will be going on our 1st field trip to The Wheeler Farm on Wednesday, September 29.**

A detailed note & email will be sent home. Here are a few reminders about homework. 1 homework page will go home each week. **Homework is optional. Please don't feel that you have to do it. If your child is absent from class, we will have his/her missed class work sent home. The completion of this work is also optional.** Preschoolers that complete their homework do receive a treasure box toy. Make sure to have your preschooler write their name on their homework. If your preschooler is not ready for that, write his or her name with a highlighter & have your preschooler trace it. Remember top to bottom when forming the letters. Avoid writing their name in all capital letters. We want our preschoolers ready for Kindergarten! Guide their hand if needed. We have a fun All About Me theme this month!

Wednesday, September 1

Forest-Introduce the numbers 3-4 using our number songs & movement. Use our "Punch It!" game to practice recalling numbers 1-4. Review the items on the white board using the giant hand. Sort the animals by big and small on the white board to explore opposites.

Jungle- Snack: Pretzels, Book: *The Family Book*. Sing the Rhyme "My Family" Have everyone share what their family likes to do use the cards ideas. Songs: "If You're Happy & You Know It" and "Shake Out Your Sillies" using our ribbons.

Arctic- Use the story "Where We Live" to explore the various types of houses families live in. Review our color recognition skills by adding a bingo chip to each color and discuss the shape. Have each child draw a picture of his/her family. *Save for portfolios.

Savannah- Movie: *Meet the Numbers 1-5*. Large Motor: Use our scooter to follow the dog footprints.

Hop over the numbered cats & dogs and recall each number.

Ocean- Complete the number 3-handwriting worksheet. Use the wooden craft sticks to create a various objects. Use the dry erase boards to practice writing the number 3 & 4.

Friday, September 3

Forest- Talk about the importance of being a "sweet" friend. Examine the 4 posters about what a sweet friend does. Read the story, *The Monster Who Lost His Mean*. Use the "Sweet" and "Sour" voting sticks while reading the Clip Card. Use a magnet to mark the classes answer.

Jungle- Snack: Gold Fish, Songs: "Frog Song" & "Bean Bag Parade" using our beanbags. Book: *Glad Monster, Sad Monster*. Read the Friends, Friends poster together as a class. Examine the Emotions Puzzle Blocks. Create a sad face child. Talk about ways to help other feel happy.

Arctic- Listen to the silly pop-up story, Little Monsters. Create our own monster using shapes, google eyes, feathers, and a craft stick. Color our Sweet Friends Use Kind Words page. Complete the school house lacing card.

Savannah- Movie: *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*. Large Motor: Play ball toss into our basketball shooting game. Review our numbers 1-10.

Ocean- Complete the number 4 worksheet by writing the number 4 and coloring 4. Use the sketch pad & letter book to write the letter A. Complete the Back to School 1-10 puzzle using the magnetic cookie sheet.

Monday, September 6- Labor Day! No Preschool! Enjoy your break

Wednesday, September 8

Forest-Introduce Bubba Bear & the letter B by moving and singing to the letter B song. Explore the locks the find the letter B key to open the lock. Find butterflies hiding in the classroom using our magnifying glasses. Sort them by color. Count and compare the results.

Jungle- Snack: Animal Crackers, Book: *Our 5 Senses*. Sing the "5 Senses Song." Discuss our 5 Senses and their purpose. Complete the 5 Senses Concept Sort. Songs: "Bubble Gum" & "Pepperoni Pizza."

Arctic- Create the letter B using play dough & strengthen our fine motor skills by cutting play dough with scissors. Use our dry erase markers to trace the school words. Read, *Senses!* Complete the bus puzzle.

Savannah- Movie: *Meet the Letters*. Large Motor: Shoot balls into the scoreboard to recall letter. Make the "buh" sound each time a child sees the letter B.

Ocean- Complete the Letter B worksheet. As a class complete the school supplies pattern on the whiteboard. Read the book, *I Love Monkey!* Sort the sharks by small medium, & large.

Friday, September 10

Forest- Discuss the importance of families. Read the book, *The Family Book* to understand that families are all different. Find the kid-cut-outs hiding in the classroom. Sort them by number then count & compare the results. How many boys? How many girls? Play the Burping Bobby game to practice recalling our letters.

Jungle- Snack: Pretzels, Songs: "Shake Out Your Sillies" using the scarves & "It's Raining, It's Pouring!" using our egg shakers. Book: *Does A Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?* Use magnetic animal pictures to explore the various animals in the story. Sort all of the animals by the number of legs.

Arctic- Practice our cutting & gluing skills using the home matching page. Brainstorm ways we can show are family that we love them and draw our ideas on the white board.

Introduce syllables. Sort the fall syllable pictures as a class.

Savannah- Movie: *Spoon* (a story about families & friendship), Large Motor: Pogo Stick & balance bean.

Ocean- Practice our rhyming skills with the Rhyme-Away Story #2: The Boy. Complete the Rhyming Pairs Worksheet as a class. Complete the family puzzle. Complete the measuring page using the mini foam cubes.

Monday, September 13

Forest- Introduce the phonics patterns: ch using our music and movement. Find various train cars throughout the preschool then create a train but with only the train that have a ch written on them. Play the washer toss game to review the ai, ay, & ch phonics pattern sounds.

Jungle- Snack: Graham Crackers, Songs: "Chug Along Choo Choo" & "If Your Happy And You Know It!" using our scarves. Book: *What Is Smell?* Explore our sense of smell by guessing the smell of each scented marker. Sort our pictures by good smells and bad smells. Count & compare the results.

Arctic- Practice writing the number 4 using our handwriting page. Use a dry erase marker and special dice for the game, "Sense of Smell Number Practice" to write the numbers 1-6. Place the apple barrels in numeric order from 1-10 as a class.

Use the snowman pegboard to practice our fine motorskills.

Savannah- Movie: *I Stink!*, Large Motor: Animal golfing game to review our numbers 1-10. Use the sit and spin.

Ocean- Read the Story, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?* Brainstorm things we can see looking at us. Complete the Brown Bear coloring page by matching the animal with the correct color. Complete the student-lacing card. Use the dry erase marker to trace the Pumpkin Letter Match Up.

Wednesday, September 15

Forest- Introduce our 2 new sight words: am & me by moving and singing along with our music. Play a "Go Fishing" game with a magnetic fishing pole to recall each sight word: me, see, & am. Play 3 Corners using our new sight words.

Jungle- Snack: Goldfish crackers. Book: *Hearing*. Use the I Can Hear with My Ears display sign. Sort the picture cards by soft and loud. Discuss why our hearing is an important sense. Listen to hear sounds in the preschool. Practice our 5 senses song. Songs: "Sticks" using the sticks & "Hurry, Hurry Drive the Police Car."

Arctic- Complete the Leaf Pile Build A Word worksheet by selecting a sight word and writing it on the line. Continue until each word is written at least once or up to 3 times. Book: *How To Hug*. Discuss the importance of being kind to everyone. Play, "Where's My Friend?" Recall the numbered bus's to find the hiding friend. Use the links to create a chain and develop our fine motor skills.

Savannah- Movie: *Sing & Spell the Sight Words DVD: Me, See, & Am*. Large Motor: Introduce syllables by hopping the ladder grid using animal names. (i.e. Zebra =2 hops)

Ocean- Use our giant memory game called, "Chicken!" to match pictures with their sight word. Match the picture to the sight word but if a chicken is uncovered everyone bawks like a chicken and the cards are turn back over. Play bingo with the Hand Letter Practice page & bingo chips. Complete the family puzzle. Trace the Broom In Flight Tracing Page.

Friday, September 17

Forest- Play Shark Bit to review our letters and numbers. Pull fish from the shark's mouth after recalling a letter or number but don't get bitten! Match the Fall Words to their picture.

Jungle- Snack: Pretzels, Songs: "Finger Poppin" & "Brush My Teeth." Book: *Touch*. Use our sense of touch to explore the "Starting the Day" felt book. Sort the pictures by soft and hard.

Arctic- Use our watercolors to decorate the Autumn paper. Read, *All by Myself!* Sort the pictures by "I Can Do This Myself" & "I Shouldn't Do This Myself." Use the dry erase markers to trace the numbers 1-5.

Savannah- Movie: *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves*. Large Motor: Crawl tunnel & balance board.

Ocean- As a class, say the compound word on the white board and find the two pictures that make the word. Make the fun craft: Fall is Here using a construction paper caramel apple. Sort the colored objects by color using the Color Detective game.

Monday, September 20

Forest- Introduce Catina Cat & the letter C using our letter C song. Make the hand action my petting our cheek like a cat. Explore items that begin with C in the tube. Find the cats in the room & sort by the letter. Explore the transformers. Which one turns into the letter C.

Jungle- Snack: Animal Crackers & sour patch kids, Songs: "Pepperoni Pizza" & "sticks" using our rhythm sticks. Introduce the sense of taste. Book: *The Sense of Taste*. Explore the flavors posters & Mr. Potato.

Arctic- Use our play dough to create the letter C & cut with the play dough scissors to develop our small motor skills. Read the silly story, *There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*. Use our magnetic pictures to follow along. Play the "My Name" game to help the kids recognize the letters to their name.

Savannah- Movie: *Heidi Songs DVD: letters A, B, & C*. Large Motor: Pin the Nose on the Clown Game.

Ocean- Complete the letter C handwriting worksheet. Sort the pom-poms into each ice cube tray according to the color. As a class, Draw a Rhyme Story of the clown. Have the kids help with the rhymes. Listen to the story, *I Like Myself*.

Wednesday, September 22

Forest- Introduce the circle shape and 3D sphere shape. Move and dance to the shape song: Circle. Explore circle & sphere shaped items. Sort the big & little circle shapes using our hula-hoops. Match the pencil shapes on the white board. Read the book, *Circle Dogs*. Play, "Lucky Ducks]" to find how many ducks have the circle shape on the bottom.

Jungle- Snack: Pretzels, Discuss how our sense of sight can keep us safe. Use our sense of sight to explore the book, *Dogs Colorful Day*. Use our felt story pieces to follow along. Songs: "Haunted House" & "Days of the week."

Arctic- Create our own circle art project using bingo markers. Use the circle pegs & foam pegboards to stack and count our towers. Recall each

color & make a pattern. Complete the number tracing mat using a dry erase marker.

Savannah- Movie: *Archie the Donut*, Large Motor: Parachute games with our circle shaped parachute! Recall the letters on the leaves then put the on the parachute & launch them in the air!

Ocean. Complete the Circle Hunt worksheet by coloring all of the circles. Read the book, *The Sense of Sight*. Talk about our sense of sight. Use the "I Spy" object page to listen to clues and find each object as a class and place a bingo chip on it. Complete the apple puzzle numbered 1-10.

Friday, September 24

Forest- Review the letter C by using the invisible lights to find the letter C on the walls. What other letters are hiding? Use the keys to unlock the letter C lock. Play the Crocodile game to review the letters A-C.

Jungle- Snack: Gold Fish, Halloween Program Songs: "Five Little Pumpkins" & "Haunted House." Book: *In the Middle of Fall*. Use our name cards to vote on What Color Is Your Hair Color? Count and compare the results.

Arctic- Make a fun scarecrow craft for fall. Read the book, *Counting On Fall*. Sort the pumpkin erasers & other eraser into to each box. Count and compare the results. Sort the leaves as a class by their size (big, medium, and small).

Savannah- Movie: *Treeschoolers: Happy Healthy Me!* Large Motor: Parachute with apples. Recall the letters.

Ocean- Match the pumpkins with the wagon by their beginning sound. Draw a picture of your favorite thing about fall. Use the Fall Cover Up. Roll the die and add the correct number of flat marbles until all of the acorns are covered. Trace the letters on the pumpkin page using dry erase markers.

Monday, September 27

Forest- Introduce the phonics pattern: ee/ea using our music and movement. Show the silly monster cards & have the preschoolers hold up a finger monster puppet each time you show a monster with ee or ea. Read *Little Monster* & discuss which monster is each preschooler's favorite. Use the light stick to review the items on the whiteboard.

Jungle- Snack: Graham Crackers, Halloween Songs: "Days of the week" & "Stirring the Brew." Book: *Glad Monster, Sad Monster*. Play the "Feelings Pokey" emotion song game to explore difficult emotions. Talk about why we might feel different emotions.

Arctic- Halloween Craft: Frankenstein Squares. Use our geoboards to create various shapes. Trace the Pumpkin Patch Letter practice page with dry erase markers. Play bingo using the Pumpkin Patch Memory & bingo chips to review our sight words & numbers.

Savannah- Movie: *Heidi Songs DVD: ai/ay, ee/ea, & ch*, Large Motor: Use the crawl tunnel to develop our fine motorskills.

Ocean- Play the Roll'n'Write Animal game with our die to write the numbers 1-6. Complete the pumpkin puzzle using the magnetic board. Practice our rhyming words using the Apple Barrel white board game as a class to match the rhyming words.

Wednesday, September 29

Field Trip To Wheeler Farm! Meet by the activity barn (northeast of the main parking lot) at 10:00 am for the morning classes or 12:00 pm for the afternoon classes. Each class will have their own tour guide with their teacher! Teachers will be participating in the tour by interacting with the preschoolers & taking pictures but **not** by supervising the children (this is the parents responsibility).

Tour: 10:00-11:00 am (all morning classes) or 12:00-1:00 pm (all afternoon classes)

Our tour should last 60 minutes and will include interaction with a blacksmith, butter making, a wagon ride, and a guided animal tour.

Play time: 11:00-11:30 (all morning classes) or 1:00-1:30 pm (all afternoon classes)

Following the tour we will enjoy free playtime on the West Lawn.