



THE SCHOOL SHED

SEPTEMBER 2008

A Message From the Director

I love this time of year. Cool but not cold mornings, warm days yet not scorching hot. Although the leaves have not yet started to change, they will soon and that will mark the fall season.

August came and went so quickly. Our classrooms were full of exciting activities that introduced school rules, parts of the body and how they work, and the concept of "Family." Room #1 celebrated birth with an "un-birthday party" and the children shared their baby pictures. Room #2 made self portraits as they talked about being "unique." Room #3 demonstrated how the heart pumps with a wonderful science project and talked about the color of our skin and the skins purpose.

During the month of September the children will focus on family and friends, healthy eating, apples and harvest time. We will take a field trip to Safeway and we will learn about the parts of an apple and how many different kinds there are. Classrooms will have dramatic play areas set up as grocery stores so that children can pretend to go shopping and make healthy choices. We will continue to talk about family roles and the value of friends.

Remember, you are always welcome to join us in the classroom!



We will be taking a walking field trip to Safeway this month. The children will have the opportunity to pick produce, learn how the bread and meat slicers work, feel how cold the freezers are, and will be given the opportunity to frost a cake. We will be going on Wednesday, September 17th and Thursday, September 18th. Times will be announced at a later date. Although we will be walking we will still need a parent authorization. These will be available and in your child's file the week of September 8th.



EYE SCREENING

On Tuesday and Wednesday, September 9th and 10th the Lions Club will be conducting free eye screening for our children. It is a quick procedure and requires only for your child to look into a camera. Information and authorization forms have already gone out. If you did not receive one, please see me. Your child cannot be screened without your written authorization.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

Riley 9/7	You are welcome to bring in treats for your child. Please check with your child's teacher for suggestions due to allergies. Fresh fruit cups this time of year is always a good choice. With a dash of whipped cream it makes for a healthy treat!
Caleb 9/8	
Ms. Lin 9/8	
Ms. Tanya 9/8	
Conner 9/10	
Jacob B. 9/12	
Nathan 9/13	
Dagny 9/20	
Kevin 9/23	
Caiden R. 9/25	
Austin 9/29	

HAVE A HAPPY DAY!!



SILLY SAYINGS!!

Children say the funniest things. We would like to share some quotes that made us laugh last month.

While trying hard to get the glue to come out of the bottle Karson P. instructed Ms. Jen, "just take the top off."

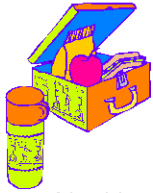
While I was standing at the table observing the children's work, Brian B. tried to be so polite by saying, "I need you to move....Pleeese!"

While talking with a group of little ones at my desk, they were telling me about computer games they have at home. When I asked Cateleigh Y. if she played "hide n seek" on her computer she replied with her hands on her hips wearing spiffy sunglasses, "No, I just go to Barbi.com."



REMINDER!

Please remember we have children with severe allergies at Town and Country. We are requesting that you refrain from packing peanut butter in your child's lunch or when providing snacks. Thank you for your cooperation.



Lunch Items

When packing your child's lunch please remember to include:

Napkin Fork/Spoon Drink
Thank You!

Facilitating Early Writing Skills

I recently read an article on early childhood writing enhancement that I thought you might find interesting. I have shared below only a part of the article. The article was taken from Young Children: A Journal of the National Association for the Education of

Young Children

To Correct or Not To Correct

Do you ever wonder whether to correct children's letter formations and invented spelling? Although it may seem counterintuitive, correcting may not facilitate writing development, and in some instances may hinder it. Young writers need to test boundaries-and when they do, they need to make errors. It's important to view those errors not as problems, but as opportunities to learn. Correcting every error may discourage early writers from fully exploring this new way of conveying meaning. When you allow developmentally appropriate errors, children become eager to write!

If you would like suggestions on how to correct some of these errors without hindering your child's creativity please ask.

SIGN UP FOR HEALTHY SNACKS

We will be learning about healthy eating and how it helps our body' growth. We would like to ask for your help. Please keep an eye out for the sign up sheet for your child's class. We will have a discussing each day at snack time about fruits, vegetables, grains, vitamins, etc... We will discuss how they grow, where they grow and how they get from the farm to us. Snack time is also a time to talk about color, counting and textures. Please help us make this a healthy school project by donation an item for snack. Keep in mind we do have allergies. Please ask your teacher if this pertains to your child's class. Thank you!

