

PN THEME 1: FRIENDS AND SCHOOL (17th Aug. to 25th Sept.)

Our first topic of the year focuses on learning more about friends and school.

INTRODUCTION WEEKS

We use the first two weeks of school to gently ease the children into school life. The lessons therefore focus on making sure the children feel comfortable in their school environment. The children will spend time getting to know their friends, learning the daily routine and helping to decorate their new classroom.

THEME LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: Walk, drive, ride, teacher, nurse, bus driver, chair, table, toy, book, scissors, friend, name.

Songs: 'Here we go around the mulberry bush.'

The children will start by learning about the different ways we can get to school – walking, driving or riding. They will also be introduced to some of the people they will see at school daily, people that help make their school day fun! The children will learn about the different tools, items and toys they have in the classroom. The teacher will guide the children on what the items are used for and how to use them. The book, 'Clifford's Best Friend' and a fun circle game will aid in learning about friends and how to engage in group activities.

ART LESSONS *(sample to the right may vary from actual art work)*

In their art lessons the children will make a school bus, engage in a group art activity using water colours and have fun painting with marbles. They will also celebrate Autumn/Fall, by making a tree using their fingerprints for the leaves.



MATH AND READING LINE LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: Circle, round, square, triangle, rocket.

Songs: 'Ring around the rosie' and 'The shapes song.'

In their math lessons the children will start learning about shapes: circles, squares and triangles. They will read a fun book called, 'Circle in the sky.'

During their reading lessons they will read a book, 'My very first book of shapes,' and learn how to make simple shapes using their bodies. Eg. Raise your arms above your head and touch your fingers to make a circle. The teacher will point out different shapes in the classroom, teaching the children that shapes can be found all around us.

PRE-NURSERY THEME 2: STAYING WELL, STAYING SAFE (28th Sept. to 23rd Oct.)

Our second topic of the year focuses on learning more about how to stay healthy and safe.

THEME LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: Mom, Dad, safe, care, kind, food, good, fruit, vegetables, Doctor, wash, germs, clean, dirty, fire, safe, listen.

Songs: "My family and me", "The fruits song", "Ring around the Rosie" & "Jump, hop, shake"

The children will start by thinking and learning about how you, the parents, look after them and keep them safe. Giving them love, care, food and keeping them out of danger. They will learn about food that is good for their bodies and that will keep them healthy.

We read the book, 'Vegetable Garden,' helping them to understand where good, healthy food comes from. Good hygiene habits will be discussed, learning how to fight off germs that make us sick. The book, 'Cutie Sue fights germs,' will help us learn about this. The children will learn about what to do in Emergencies.

We will run through the procedure of what to do if there is a fire, acting out a pretend fire drill. Lastly, a group of dinosaurs will help the children to learn about how to be safe when doing different activities. We read the book, 'How do dinosaurs stay safe.' This book helps make learning about staying safe, fun.

ART LESSONS *(sample to the right may vary from actual art work)*

In their art lessons the children will make a healthy pineapple, using paint and their fingertips. They will also learn about Halloween, making a ghost footprint to celebrate the tradition.



MATH & READING LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: Big, small, count, honey, peanuts, meat, bear, elephant, lion, food, eat, carrots, fish, milk, rabbit, seal, cat, mouse, horse, cow, cheese, apples, grass.

Songs: "Make a circle – big and small"

In their math lessons the children will start learning about big and small. The book, 'Have you seen my duckling?' will help them to understand this concept by reading about a big Mama duck and her small baby ducks. The concepts will be reinforced by using real life classroom objects and comparing their size. The children will also have an opportunity to sort colourful big and small pom poms. Together, the class will make a poster showing different big and small objects.

In their reading lessons, the children will learn about the different food animals like to eat. We will learn the animal names and the food they commonly eat. As we read through the book, the children will help to match the food to the animal and vice versa.

PRE-NURSERY THEME 3: EVERYTHING CHANGES (26th Oct. to 20th Nov.)

Our third topic of the year focuses on how things in life grow and change.

THEME LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: Hot, cold, sunny, rainy, windy, snowy, people, grow, change, plants, clouds, day, sun, wake up, play, night, moon, stars, sleep.

Songs: "Pitter patter, plip plop", "Ring around the rosie" & "Jump, jump turn around".

The weather is something that changes every day. We start this theme by learning about different types of weather. The teachers will use the book, 'Hello world – Weather' to help do this. The teachers will also use fun tools like a hair dryer and ice to illustrate the different weather-related words. They will also have a weather chart up in the classroom, which they will run through every morning, discussing what the weather is like each day.

We also grow and change. The teacher will show and discuss this with the children. They will make a growth chart to track the growth of all the children in the class, throughout the year. They will learn that exercise and eating right help us to grow. As we grow, changes will happen, we might need to say goodbye to things we loved when we were little. The book, 'Little Bear's little boat' will help the children to understand this. The book, 'Biscuit in the garden' will help explain how plants grow and change too.

Lastly the classes will learn about changes and differences between day and night. They will read two books, 'What the sun sees,' explaining what happens during the day and then, 'What the moon sees,' explaining what happens at night.

ART LESSONS *(sample to the right may vary from actual art work)*

In their art lessons the children will make wind art, using paint crayons and feathers. They will continue the weather theme and make cloud art, stamping paint covered cotton balls onto a template.

They will also create a day/night artwork, using their hand prints to make the sun and ear buds to make a starry night.



MATH & READING LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: One, two, three, count, sun, wake, day, night, moon, stars, boy, cat, book, girl, fish, cock, car, house.

Songs: "Walking, walking", "Mr. Sun", "Are you sleeping", "Twinkle, twinkle little star", "You are my sunshine".

The children will play some fun games with water, plastic ducks and raisins, to help them understand the concept of one to one correspondence. They will also learn about day and night routines and pantomime some of the different activities we do at different times of the day.

Reading lessons will focus on increasing oral language skills and vocabulary, by reading the book, "My very 1st book of words".