

The Second Twelve Weeks

Dear Families,

In an effort to keep you informed about your child's classroom activities during the second twelve weeks of school, the following is a list of concepts that will be introduced.

- ♥ Notice beginning letters in familiar words.
- ♥ Understand that written words are composed of letters that represent sounds.
- ♥ Use sentences of three or more words; begin to engage in conversation and stay on topic.
- ♥ Recognize words that name person, place or thing.
- ♥ Predict what will happen next in a story.
Focus attention on stories being read aloud.
- ♥ Repeat familiar rhymes songs and patterns.
- ♥ Begin to identify first and last in a series.
- ♥ Verbally counts by one's to ten.
- ♥ Recognize and describe the concept of zero.
- ♥ Begin to demonstrate "part of" and "whole".
- ♥ Identify tools that are used to measure.
- ♥ Identify animals and plants as living things.
- ♥ Begin to observe changes in size, color, position, weather and sounds.
- ♥ Begin to recognize that living things have similar needs.
- ♥ Identify common features in the home and school environment.
- ♥ Understand roles of community workers.
- ♥ Participate in classroom jobs.
- ♥ Identify other people's feelings.



Please discuss these concepts with your student and practice at home by reading at least 20 minutes each day with your child, then discuss what was read. When you are reading aloud point out the letters in a word and talk about them. Use the words "first" and "last" with your child. Use puzzles with increasing numbers of pieces. Let your child sort buttons or pictures from magazines. Talk about what makes a living thing (plant) different from a nonliving thing (chair). Ask your child about his/her favorite activity in school.

Books related to units of study are:

The Story of Betty Bean and How She Grew by Ellen Howard
Feathers for Lunch by Lois Ehlert
Just Shopping with Mom by Mercer Mayer
We Keep a Store by Anne Shelby
Puddle's ABC by Holly Hobbie
Albert's Alphabet by Leslie Tryon

Swimmy by Leo Leonni
At the Supermarket by David Hautzig
The Storekeeper by Tracey Pearson
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin and John Archambault
Kipper's A to Z by Mick Inkpen

Read ABC books to your child.
Your Child's Pre-Kindergarten Teacher.