

Beaver Falls Classroom News

September 26, 2018



Our year is off to a great start! The children are learning the daily routine and classroom rules. When they hear the word "open" it means the toys are available for play and "closed" means that they may not play with them at that time. A bell signals a five minute warning before it rings again for clean up. During outdoor play a train whistle blows signaling that it is time to line up.

Circle time rules have been introduced and reviewed daily.

- 1) Sit criss cross with your hands on your lap
- 2) Sit quietly
- 3) Raise your hand to answer or ask a question
- 4) Use listening ears
- 5) Use gentle touches

While we have a lot of rules, the children are learning that rules are important and keep them safe.



A fire drill was held. The children were introduced to the sights and sounds that take place as well as our escape route and meeting spot. Fire drills will be held monthly and we will practice different routes of escape each time.

The children are learning name recognition by finding their names on their cubbies, attendance card and meal cards. They are also encouraged to print their names on their work.

The children have been practicing self help skills by getting their own dishes at meal times; passing, pouring, serving their own foods as well as scraping their own plates. Their faces show so much pride at their accomplishments.

We have been talking about the areas of the classroom, practicing putting toys where they belong when we are done playing with them, learning the names of our friends and discussing all of the emotions that we have been feeling these past few weeks; with an emphasis on happy, sad and scared. The children are settling in to the routine and learning how to be a part of a large group and ways to share toys and words.

One of our "Wow" moments the past two weeks has been watching four chrysalis' change into beautiful monarch butterflies and releasing them for a journey to warmer places!

Another "Wow" moment was when we first used the walking rope to take a small walking tour of our neighborhood. We were able to meet a couple of our neighbors along with Primrose, the neighbor dog, from a far.



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(Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

Twiggle visited our class! He talked about the emotions happy and sad. The children interacted with him and were able to relate the discussion with experiences in the classroom.

He will visit weekly with his friends.



Songs:

"I Have a Friend"

"The Itsy Bitsy Spider"

"Open Shut them"

"Going on a Bear Hunt"



Books Read

The Kissing Hand

Love Is A Family

Day and Night

The Library Book

Wemberly Worried

There is a Nightmare in My Closet

We have also been reciting Humpty Dumpty and The Three Little Kittens and carrying out discussions about the two.

Thank you for all of your participation in our Kissing Hand project. We have made a Kissing Hand Wall and will be adding family pictures to it. If you have a photo you would like to send in we will make sure it is put on our display.



Dates To Remember

September 26- BF Health Clinic

September 28- Bring Your Dad/Father Figure to School Day

October 4- Program Governance Training