

BLUE ROOM NEWS October 2011

The year is off to a great start!

Alphabet Mystery Box

Each day, a child will bring home the mystery box. There will be a note inside the box telling you what letter we are on. Please help your child choose one item to go in the box. Help your child think of three clues to describe the item. Write the clues down on paper. The class will try to guess what the item is by listening to the clues.

Alphabet Snacks/Snack Calendar

For the months of Oct., Nov., and Dec. the snacks will be related to the alphabet. On the snack calendar there will be listed a letter. Please bring a snack that begins with that letter. Your child will also have the alphabet mystery box on the day they bring an alphabet snack.

Classroom Books

I AM SPECIAL book- we are still waiting for some children to return their I AM SPECIAL page. When we have all the pages we will start sending home the book.

CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM book

Each child made a page for this book in small group. Please enjoy and send back the next school day.

Field Trip Minnetonka Orchards Pumpkin Tour

Morning Class Wednesday October 12

Afternoon Class Thursday October 13

Please dress accordingly to the weather.

Parent Conferences

Tuesday October 18

Wednesday October 19

Thursday October 20

A sign up sheet is posted by the classroom door.

Halloween Celebration October 27

Your child may wear their costume to school. Please remember no masks and wear a friendly costume.

Puzzles are very popular in the classroom

When I play with puzzles I am learning:

- *About the relationships of parts to the whole ...basic math concept
- *Eye-hand coordination
- *Concepts of shape, size, color and location
- *Vocabulary related to the subject of the puzzle
- *Problem solving based on clues of the puzzle
- *Self-confidence as I use the puzzles without help
- *Sorting, as I groups sets of puzzles pieces belonging to different puzzles

When I Play With Water

- That some things sink and some things float
- To observe changes as water takes different forms in different containers
- What happens when you add soap
- Eye – hand coordination as I learn to pour
- Concepts of empty and full, volume and weight, relevant to mathematics.

September 20 - 22

Color Sharing Project

Tuesday - paint a white paper bag two colors

Wednesday - bring bag home and choose 2 color items(Whatever colors

the bag is painted) to bring back to school to share

Thursday - bring bag back to school and share color items

For example if the bag is painted blue and red bring one red item and bring one blue item that can fit inside the bag to share

art Wednesday/Thursday

collages - each child will make their color glue to use for the project

Small group

Read the story Mat Man/woman

Build one and than draw a mat man/woman

Large Group

Books - Just A Little Bit, Snuffles House,Alphabet Mystery

Songs/Movement - Color train song, turtle poem, Thursday graph the color items

We are counting the days of school.- each school day one child will write a number on a piece of paper and we will hang it on the wall so we can keep track of the number of school days

Tuesday - Happy Birthday Sophia am class

I will try to send a note home each week talking about what is happening in the blue room. Please know that sometimes the plan changes accordingly to the children's interest for the day.

October 25 - 27

Thursday October 27 Halloween Celebration Day
Your child may wear their Halloween costume to school. We will be indoor in the monkey room for large motor time.
Remember friendly costumes.

Art

Tuesday and Wednesday

Decorate pumpkins

Tuesday - paint the pumpkin

Wednesday - Decorate the pumpkin (feathers, glitter, yarn etc.)

Thursday - Sticky Halloween collage and black paper and chalk for writing the word boo

Paint easel - pumpkin shape paper

Dramatic play - Vet Clinic

Block area - zoo animals, duplo table, castle blocks

Felt board - make a pumpkin face with felt faces

Small group - Color bat song and friendship bingo

Large group

Chocolate chip ghost

The Little old lady who was not afraid of anything
cut and tell pumpkin story

Music- animal action, pumpkin poem, black cat poem, pumpkin vine song,

Thursday - pass the pumpkin around the circle

Next week Wednesday November 2 Stuffed Animal Day
Bring a stuffed animal friend to school.
We will have a pet show.