

Our Daily Activities

I know each year in your child's schooling presents new expectations and routines for you and your child to become familiar with. My goal is to introduce classroom routines and procedures in a way that removes all of the guesswork from the children and allows them to concentrate fully on learning.

Reading: Our literacy block will consist of whole group literacy where we focus on a story of the week and skills associated with it. The students will also work independently at five Literacy Rotations each day. The literacy structure that I will instruct will teach independence and give children the skills needed to create a lifetime love of reading and writing. It consists of five tasks that are introduced individually. When introduced to each task the student will discuss what it looks like, sounds like, and feels like to engage in the task independently. Then, the children work on building their stamina until they are successful at being independent readers and writers.

The five Literacy Tasks include:

1. Read to Self
2. Tablets
3. Listen to Reading
4. Work on Writing
5. Word Work

When all five tasks are introduced and the children are fully engaged in reading and writing activities, I am able to work with small groups and confer with children one-on-one. This structure is effective, the results are amazing, and the children really look forward to Literacy Rotations!

Writing: Our class will become great writers! We will learn how to write small moment stories, informational text, opinion writing, and fiction stories. Each day we will build on mini-lessons that teach your child how to add to their writing. Please practice with your child at home on writing in complete sentences. Each sentence should have a capital letter at the beginning, spaces between the words, the sentence makes sense, and has the correct punctuation at the end. Please don't worry about spelling. We want children to focus on writing and not necessarily about spelling!

Math: Our math block will be taught in four rotations. Much like the Literacy Rotations, your child will learn the classroom rules and procedures during Math Rotations so that his/her learning can be maximized!

The four Math Rotations will consist of:

1. Math with the Teacher/Small Group- This is where the bulk instruction of the math skills will be taught.
2. Math by Myself- Your child will complete the math assignment at his/her seat.
3. Math with Technology- Your child will work independently on math skills.
4. Math with Someone- This is where your child will work with other children learning and reinforcing math skills.

Unit: Our unit block will be a mix of science and social studies. It will be a fun year exploring and experimenting!

I will send home a daily schedule of all of our activities soon. Please be on the lookout for it!