

September 7, 2017

Hi Parents!

The children are enjoying their first weeks of school! They are learning the routine, sharing with their friends and having fun! They love listening to books written by Eric Litwin and James Dean; the delightful *Pete the Cat* series.

Here is a map of our day in the Fish classroom:

<b>Morning</b> Greeting Discovery Time/Studio Group Time Playground/Indoor Gym Book Snack Music
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<b>Afternoon</b> Greeting Group Time Playground/Indoor Gym Book Snack Discovery Time/Studio Music
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Some of our goals for the next couple of weeks are to:

- Get to know each other better
- One-to-one correspondence (the foundation of both math and reading)
- Improve our Independence skills (opening snack, zipping backpack closed)

This week, we have begun to introduce jobs to the students and helping them to learn the responsibility that goes with each one. Beginning next week, each child will have a job and it will last for one week. Some of the favorite jobs of the children are: line leader, librarian (this student chooses a book from our bookshelf that we will read during snack time), 2 snack helpers (pass out the snacks to their friends), and snack puller (the child pulls the orange snack bucket into the room during snack time). We will also have: an announcer, circle checker, cubby checker, gardener, kindness spotter, map helper, messenger, meteorologist, and wisher. We will explain these jobs in more detail at Curriculum Night. The teachers have found that if each student has a responsibility in the class, they feel needed and are more willing to be helpful to us and their classmates!

We are asking for your help with a fun assignment. Please help your child choose a photo to bring to school, which includes your child and can also include mom, dad, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, or pets! It can be printed on copy paper. We will display these photos in the classroom.

We hope that this will encourage interaction among the children and it will give them experience sharing with a group. It is also a great way we partner between school and home. Please send in the photo the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

We are off to a great year! Please feel free to speak with one of us if you have any concerns about your child!

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