



September 2017

Welcome to the Frog class! Kathy and I are so excited to get to know you and your children.

The children have already been very busy learning new social and academic skills. They are working hard to adjust to our routine, use their words with each other, stand in line, respect materials, and clean up after themselves. Additionally, we have begun assigning jobs to the children, which teaches both responsibility and a sense of community. Last, for our writer's workshop, we just started our author study of Bill Martin, Jr. Feel free to check out his books at your local library.

This year, one area of our classroom will be devoted to a discovery table, and its focus will change throughout the year. At Lads and Lassies, we believe that the best learning occurs when the teachers, children, and parents collaborate together. Therefore, we are asking families to help provide materials for our table. The first focus of our discovery table is "The Beach." Here are some things that your child can contribute:

- Seashells, coral, rocks, or smooth sea glass
- Pictures of your child at the beach
- Pictures of a creature at the beach
- Pictures of a sandcastle or other sand creation
- Empty crab or creature shells
- Seaweed
- Shark teeth
- Driftwood
- Other ideas?

You may bring in items any time throughout the month of September, and this is completely optional. Please note that pictures will be returned to you (if requested), but we will keep other items as part of our permanent classroom collection. Also, since this is an exploration table, please do not contribute anything that should not be investigated by curious, little hands. 😊

Get ready for an awesome year! Thanks for sharing your children with us!

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