

SEPTEMBER 2019

Color: Red



Shape: Circle

Motor Development: Walking/Heel-to-toe Walking

Opposites: Inside/Outside

Values: Friendships

September 3-6

Getting to Know You

- Circle Time/Discussion: "This summer I had fun ____!" and play the "Name Game"
- Large Group: Classroom orientation; learn about classroom by going on a Scavenger Hunt
- Arts & Crafts: Stencils with colored pencils and
- Outdoor Games: "Heel-to-toe Relay Race", "Directions" game and watercolors at the easel
- Sensory Exploration: Cornmeal and flour mixture with measuring spoons and craft sticks; draw circles in mixture

September 9-13

Our Growing Bodies

- Discussion: "My body needs many things to grow healthy and strong, such as ____."
- Outdoor Exploration: "Body Outlines" tracing with chalk on cement and Obstacle course (promote monthly concepts)
- Math & Science: Graph each child's height with standard and non-standard measurements
- Critical Thinking: Sort healthy and non-healthy foods; discuss the Food Pyramid
- Science Experiment: "Messy Moldy Foods" (Process of molding)

September 16-20

Homes & Families

- Discussion: "There are ___ people in my family..." Encourage each child to elaborate about their family.
- Arts & Crafts: Exploring different homes: birds (nest), ants (dirt hill), groundhogs (burrow), fish (ocean, lake, fish bowl) or owls (tree hole/tree trunk).
- Journal: "My Family" picture with dictation
- Outside Activities: Go on a nature walk; identify items that are red and/or circle.
- Read: *All the Kinds of Families* and *My Home, Your Home*

September 23-27

People In Our Community

- Discussion: "Who are the people in my community and what do they do?" Chart community worker responsibilities.
- STEAM: Read *A Day in the Life of a Fire Fighter* then conduct the "Climbing Fire Fighter" activity. Discuss and document results.
- Dramatic Play: Be a mail carrier; stamp, weigh and deliver mail
- Science Experiment: "Magic Milk" (Promote basic chemistry)
- Arts & Crafts: Paper Plate Apple with Leaf Handprint

September 30-October 4

Once Upon a Time...

- Discussion: "Once Upon a time..."
- Group Game: "Direction's Game" and "Simon Says"
- Sensory Experiment: Red cornmeal with circle-shaped noodles
- Dramatic Play: "The Three Little Pigs", "Goldilocks & the Three Bears" and "Humpty Dumpty"
- Outside Games: "Balloon Tennis" and "Red Rover"
- Arts & Crafts: "Itsy Bitsy Spider" finger puppet and "The Three Little Pigs House" build a house craft

Tips for Starting Preschool

By Diane Tunis, Rhonda Kleiner, and Fredda Band Loewenstein

"Is your child entering a preschool program for the first time? Use these tips to help both you and your child make a smooth transition.

1) Establish a routine of "early to bed" and "school wake-up time" several weeks before school begins so your child has time to adjust to the new schedule. 2) Arrange play dates with children who will be in your child's class. 3) Let your child pick out a new backpack and together write her name on it. 4) Give your child a personal belonging of yours like a favorite scarf or bandanna so she knows you will come back to get it. 5) Read books about going to school and saying goodbye. 6) Remember that separation is a process. Expect that your child (or yourself) will need time to feel comfortable with the new situation."

See more at: <http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/music-math-more/13-tips-starting->

Special Events

September 2: **School Closed in Observance of Labor**

September 3: 1st day of school for New TU/TH Preschool & Junior Pre-K children

September 16: Back to School Night for Rooms 2, 3, 4, 7, 10 & 11
***School closes early at 5:00pm**

September 17: Back to School Night for Rooms 5, 6, 8 & 9
***School closes early at 5:00pm**

September 20: (a) Kid's Night Out from 6:00pm-10:00pm, (b) Spirit Shirt Day and (c) All School Sing Along

September 26: Grandparents Day Celebrations for Rooms 6, 7, 10 & 11
- More information to come...

September 27: Grandparents Day Celebrations for Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 9- *More information to come...*

September 30: Fall Scholastic Book Fair Begins - Held in the atrium.

