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# Classroom News

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Dear Parents,

We made it! We have successfully completed three weeks of preschool. Each day gets a little better. Your children are adjusting and playing so nicely. We have had very few tears. Other than a few separation difficulties, "circle" time is going very well. The children are gradually learning our routine. It is a joy observing how much they have "grown" in just a few weeks. They are sharing, taking turns, helping each other and happily moving about from center to center. Thank you for teaching your children how to pretend, because they are interacting with each other nicely in the home center and dramatic play center, and it is delightful to watch them.

Love and respect for God is present in the daily routine with the use of Morning Prayer and prayer before snack. We share, we are kind and we use gentle hands. Stories have been read to create an awareness of our Guardian Angel, and *The Angel of God* prayer has become part of the morning routine.

Understandably, time on the playground is something all children eagerly anticipate. Please know that while experiencing this very hot weather the time spent outdoors is limited. A water fountain is available and the children are reminded of this regularly.

At the Art Center we painted apple trees and finger printed apples on them. The children also enjoyed roller painting their big apple. The playdoh center has been a big hit, and the children create wonderful sculptures in this center. It is a pleasure to watch those who really enjoy the art center. As the year progresses, most children develop a keen interest in what happens when paint meets the paper.

In our Math Center we have been busy counting. Each day we count the days on our calendar and the number of children at school. We counted, sorted and tasted the red, yellow and green apples that were sent to school. Each child voted on the apple they like the best (... the red apple won!). Also, we counted our bears and sorted them by size and color. The children really enjoyed sharing circle time with their bears.

We have begun sending our first class publication, *Three Year Olds, Three Year Olds, What Do You See?*, to all homes. It will take approximately eight weeks to circulate. Enjoy reading it, and please send it back to school so we can send it to another family.

I have included with our September calendar our second Scholastic book orders. Most of these books are at discounted prices. When ordering online our activation code is HWKRZ. When you place an order online our class receives free books and/or games for our classroom. If you choose to purchase books through school, please make your check payable to Scholastic Book Clubs (please do not send CASH), and you can return your order by Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

Thanks so much for sending your wonderful items for our Discovery Box. We have been getting many outstanding items, and we're all so excited to see and share what we have in our box each week.

It is a joy having your child with us.

Thanks,

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