



WHAT'S "QUACKING" IN THE DUCKLING CLASS FOR SEPTEMBER



Important Information for Parents:

Parents, each month we will post a "Tweet" and a class calendar on our website. It is important to read this each month. It will help you reinforce at home the social and academic skills we are introducing. Also, it is fun to try and visualize what your child is doing in class!

Monthly Theme: Meeting New Friends and Practicing Good Manners

Each child will make a beautiful picture using pompoms, paints, sparkles, etc. When the teacher is completed, each child will pick someone's symbol from a box and the teacher will help the child put their picture in his or her backpack as a friendship gift. We will practice our *thank you* words.



Together we will discuss how to treat our friends; smiles and kind words are important. It is also important never to grab a toy from another classmate. If we want something we ask nicely for it. If the child does not want to share at this time, he or she should say "You may have it when I'm finished." The teacher and

teacher assistant will dramatize these situations. The first time, when the toy is grabbed, the teacher will pretend to cry. She then asks the class, "Do you think we are having fun?" Then the teachers will behave using good manners. The children love to see the teachers on the floor acting out these scenarios. We do this often to introduce concepts.

Skills Introduced This Month:



Following Classroom Rules

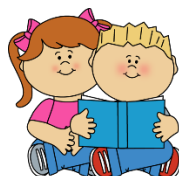
After reciting the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb", we will talk about rules at school. The teacher will show the children a chart listing and illustrating the three rules for their class. They will play different games to help the children learn and follow the rules.

1. Use inside voices, please
2. Keep your hands to yourself, please
3. Please walk, never run in the school



Reading Readiness

Each child will be given a symbol. We will use these symbols to show the children where to sit during circle time, and snack or lunch time, and where to put his or her belongings. You will see your child's symbol on his/her take home folder that goes home every day. Using symbols introduces reading readiness skills; now the children *read* the symbols to tell which items are theirs, later they will *read* their names for this purpose.





Cooking

Each child will be given the opportunity to crack an egg all by him or herself when we are making our yellow scrambled eggs for our cooking project. They will then mix the eggs in their own individual bowls. The teacher will cook the eggs and anyone who wants a taste can enjoy our yellow snack!



Colors of the Month

Yellow and **Green**

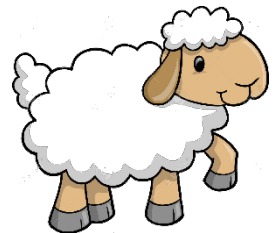


The children will paint with a corn on the cob and broccoli.

They will also rip yellow and green construction paper which will prepare them for cutting with scissors.

Please check your child's class calendar for the designated Dress in Yellow and Dress in Green Day!

Nursery Rhyme of the Month



"Mary Had a Little Lamb"

The teacher will recite the rhyme below with your children. Then she will play music and let them take turns being Mary and the Little Lamb that follows her as she moves around the room.

Mary had a little lamb,
It's fleece was white as snow.
Everywhere that Mary went,
The lamb was sure to go.
It followed her to school one day,

Which was against the rules.
It made the children laugh and play,
To see a lamb at school.



Word of the Month

Fleece: The woolly covering of a sheep or goat.

Activities You Can Do at Home to Reinforce the Things We Are Doing in School

- Your child's teacher, after she has received pictures of all the children, will put together a booklet for each student to take home. In this booklet will be the pictures of each of your child's classmates with the child's name underneath. Together you and your child can go through this book and practice saying everyone's name.
- We will be learning a Nursery Rhyme each month. This month please practice "Mary Had a Little Lamb" with your child. Ask him/her what the word fleece means.