



What's humming in The HUMMINGBIRD CLASS? SEPTEMBER?

YOUR TERRIFIC TODDLER!

We are so excited to spend a wonderful school year with your terrific toddler. It is amazing to think that from birth to three years of age a child's brain will develop faster than at any other time ~ 250,000 brain connections grow each minute! In other words, as educators and parents we have an awesome responsibility!

The toddler's needs are different than those of preschoolers. They are busy developing their large and small motor skills at their own individual rate. Therefore, the key to our Hummingbird curriculum is to observe and to build around the toddler's play. In a safe and nurturing environment, we will provide multi-sensory experiences that will enable your little ones to practice and perfect skills they have already developed, to expand on these skills and to develop new skills!



Hummingbird Themes for September...

- Welcome to School Little Ones!
 - My New Friends!
 - Playing & exploring!
 - Rebus Symbols
- Where Does It Belong? Can you help me clean up the toys?
 - Hand Signs: "Hello & Goodbye"
 - Song – "Skid-a-ma-rink"
 - Color of the month: YELLOW!

The purpose of **REBUS SYMBOLS**

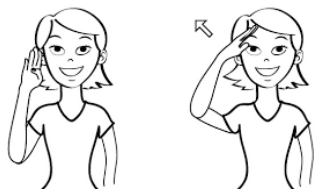
A rebus symbol helps pre-readers identify their space. We will use this symbol to label their cubbies, backpacks and use them to designate where to sit for circle, lunch or snack etc.

We will play games this month with the symbols, such as running to it and picking up your symbol and bringing it to the teacher, trying to remember our friends' symbols, naming all the symbols, pasting our symbols to paper.

Hand Signs...

Each month we will introduce two "Hand Signs" to your little ones. Sign Language helps toddlers communicate their needs.

HELLO



Hint: Straight hand coming from forehead, moving out as if to salute

GOODBYE



Hint: Holding hand up, opening and closing fingers; waving.



"Skid-a-ma-rink"

Skid-a-ma-rink-a dinky dink
 Skid-a-ma-rink-a do,
 I love you!
 Skid-a-ma-rink-a dinky dink
 Skid-a-ma-rink-a do,
 I love you!
 I love you in the morning,
 And in the afternoon
 I love you in the evening,
 Underneath the moon...
 Skid-a-ma-rink-a dinky dink
 Skid-a-ma-rink-a do,
 I love you!