



# Newsletter

Mrs. Doyle Room 25

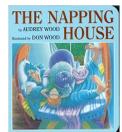


## From the Classroom

10/31/16-11/11/16

Over the last couple weeks we have been transitioning from the topic of families to homes. Last week we spoke a lot about families and how all families are different. We read a book called "All Families Are Different" by, Todd Parr,. This book helped the children to see that some families are very big, some families are small, small families have pets etc. Together we discussed who was in each of the children's family and they had the opportunity to draw their family in the art center. From here we discussed where we all live and how everyone lives in a different type of home. We talked about apartments, houses and duplexes. Together we made a graph of our responses.

Also last week we read a book called "The Napping House" by Audrey Wood. The purpose of reading the story was for the children to understand and become familiar with the characters and the sequence of the story. By the third read we introduced using felt pieces of the characters. The children assisted in putting the pieces on the board while I read the story. They did a great job being able to sequence the characters, remembering which came first, second third etc.



# November

|  | Monday | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                           | Thursday                          | Friday                              |
|--|--------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|  | 31     | 1                                   | 2                                   | 3                                 | 4 <b>Fire Safety Day</b>            |
|  | 7      | 8 <b>No School - Election Day</b>   | 9 <b>Family Literacy Event 5:30</b> | 10                                | 11 <b>No School - Veterans Days</b> |
|  | 14     | 15 <b>Half Day for Conferences</b>  | 16 <b>Half Day for Conferences</b>  | 17 <b>Half Day for Conference</b> | 18                                  |
|  | 21     | 22 <b>School Picture ReTake Day</b> | 23 <b>Half Day</b>                  | 24 <b>No School Happy</b>         | 25 <b>No School Thanksgivin g</b>   |

## Daily Schedule

8:25 - Arrival  
 8:35 - Breakfast  
 9:00- 9:40 - Specials  
 Art (T), Gym (W), Music (Th)  
 9:45- 10:45- Morning Group and Center Time  
 10:50 – 11:20 - Outdoor Play  
 11:25 – 11:45 - Shared Reading  
 11:45 -12:15 - Lunch  
 12:20 – 1:30 - Rest Time  
 1:30 – 2:15 - Clean up/ Afternoon Group  
 2:30 – Dismissal

\*\* All Fridays are a half day! \*\*



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## Curriculum Corner

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### Meal Times

While at school, the children eat breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack together. We all sit together and engage in conversation, and facilitate family style mealtimes. This means that all of the food we will be serving is in the middle of the table in serving bowls. The children scoop food on their plate and then pass the bowl to their peer next to them.

During this time it is the teacher's job to assist when necessary and to encourage conversation among peers. Mealtimes are a great time for bonding and conversation. I often ask children, what their favorite part of the day has been so far or what they think they will do when they get home. Often when a child gives me an answer I encourage them to also share with their friends. When adults model healthy eating, manners, and conversation children want to be a part of that and will initiate that on their own.

\*\* See attached handout for more helpful at home tips.

## Classroom Staff

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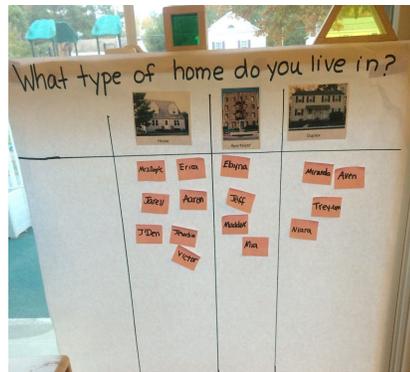


Niara and Jewlia work together to draw each other a picture during our Friendship activity.



J'Den, Lamar, & Jarell build a racetrack together in the block area.

Our "homes" graph.



## Reminders:

- ❖ No School November 8th & November 11th.
- ❖ Family Conferences are November 15, 16, & 17.
- ❖ Picture ReTake Day is November 22nd.