

MORE FOR FOURS NEWS

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HEALTHY BODIES

This week and next week we will be learning about staying healthy. The dramatic play area is set up as a doctor's office and we have other activities to reinforce this theme.

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

The children have done a great job *connecting* to the books we read! They often comment about something they can relate to in a story such as having been to an apple orchard while we have read a story about apples. The next reading concept we will be learning about is '*Picturing*'. This means being able to visualize or use your 5 senses or make pictures in your head while listening to a story.

The letters and sounds we will be working on are 'D' and 'R'. We will also start to identify words that rhyme. We have already be clapping syllables in names and some other words. The children are pretty good at this!

MATH

We are introducing the concept of one to one correspondence. We will be counting lots of things like kids, chairs, lockers etc. At home you can continue to count things

too up to 5 or beyond if your child is interested.

YELLOW DAY

Our next color day is yellow. It will be on November 19. Thanks for all the blue junk! The poster looks great!

BIRTHDAYS

We'd like to wish a happy birthday to *Marissa* and *Daniel* in our afternoon class. They will both celebrate their special day this week.

MUSIC

We are enjoying our music time with Mr. Hainlen on Mondays. The children are excited to sing and interact with him. He is teaching us some fun songs!

THANK YOU

Thanks for sending in the needed items for our 'Pumpkin Party'. The children seemed to enjoy the activities we did. Thanks also for sending the costumes for the costume parade! It was fun to see everyone dressed up!

CENTER TIME

During our center time the children are able to move around the classroom to all the centers in the room. We do have a system to do this using a name 'shoe'. It is a paper shoe like a nametag which the children bring with them to the center they want to play in and they put the 'shoe' on a sign in the center. This sign lets them know how many children can play in the center. Most centers have room for 4. If the center is already full then the child can tap someone already playing in the center and ask for a turn to play there. The children are good at remembering their shoe and taking turns too.

DAYS OFF

There will be no school on Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving break and December 21 to January 1 for winter break.