

MORE FOR FOURS NEWS

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COMMUNITY HELPERS

We will continue the theme of community helpers this week as we explore the jobs that are in our communities. Last week we met some of the helpers in our school community. We took a tour of Fernbrook and met some of the office staff including Mrs. Biallis-O'Dell and Nurse Jo.

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

Each week we will be introducing a letter of the alphabet. This lesson demonstrates how the letters are written and the sounds they make. We will focus on consonants. This week the letter is 'F, f'. We have a letter rap and an alphabet book that go along with each letter introduced.

We will also introduce syllables as we clap each student's name and other vocabulary words.

MATH

We will be learning about shapes in math. We use books, group lessons and the math center to reinforce learning about shapes.

FIELD TRIP

Our field trip to the Eastman Nature Center is on Monday, October 19. We will be meeting there at our regular start time.

PICTURE DAY

Picture day is this Wednesday. An order form was sent home on Thursday if you are interested in ordering a package. All children will be photographed for the yearbook.

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Thursday, October 15 due to teacher's workshops.

NEW STUDENT

Please welcome *Marissa* to our afternoon class! She started last week and we are glad she is here.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthday wishes are sent out to some of our friends this month. Happy Birthday to *Alice* in the morning class and to *Ana, Anna* and *Samantha* in the afternoon class

FLU RECOMMENDATIONS

As a parent you may have questions about the flu. Here is some information you may find helpful to keep you and your family healthy during this flu season.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends that "parents keep

children under five at home until seven days after the symptoms first appeared or 24 hours after a child's symptoms go away, whichever is longer." The following is taken from the website www.mdhflu.com and defines the symptoms to watch for:

"These recommendations refer to the term influenza-like illness (ILI); ILI is defined as a fever (100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or greater) and a cough or sore throat. Other symptoms that may occur with influenza include runny nose, headache, body aches, and with novel H1N1 influenza sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (in addition to fever and cough or sore throat). Generally testing is done only if someone is hospitalized and so it is likely that people will have influenza without laboratory testing. "

We will be watching for symptoms and will call parents if a child becomes ill while at school. If you have any other questions refer to the website for more detailed information. I was able to find this information after clicking on the "Childcare" info line at this website. I also printed a copy of the recommendations. See Pam if you would like a copy.

BLUE DAY

Thanks for sending in blue junk for the poster it looks great! Our next color day will be on October 22 and it is Red Day. Remember to bring red junk and wear something red.

THIRD GRADE BUDDIES

Last Wednesday we met with our third grade buddies for the first time. It went very well. More for Fours students have 1 or 2 third grade readers. We heard at least 2 stories, one from each "buddy". We will meet with them most Wednesday s.

MUSIC

Mr. Hainlen is coming in on Mondays to lead our class in singing, moving and having fun! He is a retired teacher that is volunteering to come to each of our classes to have music with us. He is scheduled to start with us today. Ask your child about what we did with him today.

DRILL WEEK

The week before last was 'drill week' at Fernbrook. We practiced a fire drill and a lock down drill in both classes. We will probably have more throughout the year. Have you practiced a fire drill at home? It is something you may want to talk about with your children.

DONATIONS

We have a donation board that we will bring with us to the door for drop off that has ideas of items we could use for the classroom. You may take a cutout with an item suggestion on it if you are interested in donating something to the classroom. Thank you for your help.

Have a great week!

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