



# SANTAN PRESCHOOL

## MISS ELSIE'S HAPPENINGS



OCTOBER 21, 2022

### Classroom Happenings!

Our class is beginning a new theme, "Our Community." We will be exploring ideas about places in the community, people in the community, transportation, and taking care of the environment. The goal of this theme is to have children develop responsibility in their daily lives while learning good citizenship.

Some activities for next week include:

- Make a traffic light
- Make patterns with vehicles
- Community Helper playdough mats
- Trace a bus, talk about what you see on the bus
- What's Inside a Pumpkin book

### Learning Together

- Macaroni Letters: provide macaroni, paper, and glue. Have children outline, then glue macaroni into the shape of letters.
- Point out community resources that are part of your daily life, such as trash collection, mail delivery, bus service, and so on.
- Help your child read community and street signs, store signs, signs outside and inside buildings, and signs posted in store windows.

### Important Dates:

- Wednesday, October 26 – Items due for Orange day and fall fun day
- Thursday, October 27 – **Orange Day** and pumpkin day – Wear orange to school
- Monday, October 31 – Fall Fun day
- Tuesday, November 1 – pajama day
- Wednesday, November 23 – Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Break

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### What to look forward to next week:

#### Theme:

- ❖ Our Community: People We Meet
- ❖ Magnificent magnets: Mighty magnets
- ❖ Investigating Numbers 1 – 5: recognize quantities 1-5 without counting
- ❖ Foundations: G
- ❖ Focus: Orange, Triangle

#### People We Meet

**Big Idea:** The workers in my community help everyone.

**Concepts:** Community workers, jobs, and careers, helping others

**Theme Vocabulary:** doctor, firefighter, librarian, mail carrier, police officer, work, workers

**Subitizing:** Subitizing is the act of instantly recognizing a quantity without having to count each item in the quantity one by one. Subitizing is critical in building numeracy skills that support abstract number concepts and strategies in later years. There are two different types of subitizing: *perceptual* and *conceptual*. Perceptual subitizing is when a child is able to automatically see a given quantity, usually no more than three at this age. Conceptual subitizing is when the child has to mentally rearrange a quantity into recognizable patterns before automatically seeing the given quantity.

**Mighty Magnets:** In *Mighty Magnets*, children classify magnets by magnetic strength. First, they observe a large horseshoe magnet pick up a pile of not one, but many paperclips. Can another magnet with a different size and shape do the same thing? An investigation about comparing magnetic strengths

### Visiting the Library

- *Only One Neighborhood* by Marc Haarshman
- *The Hubbub Above* by Arthur Howard
- *Little Trucks with Big Jobs* by Robert Maass
- *Magnets* by Charlotte Guillain
- *What Magnets can Do* by Allan Fowler
- *1, 2, 3* by Tana Hoban
- *Animal Numbers* by Bert Kitchen

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."**

**-Margaret Mead**