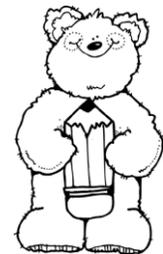


SANTAN PRESCHOOL

MISS ELSIE'S HAPPENINGS



OCTOBER 28, 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:

- o Mr. Pumpkin Head
- o Pumpkin marble art
- o Feed the pumpkins to the Jack-O-Lanterns
- o Create your own vehicle
- o Decorate numbers with the quantity

Learning Together

- Talk about the different costumes you see on Halloween. Discuss safety.
- Discuss different vehicles you see and what jobs they do. Watch the trash/recycle truck on your day. Visit a fire station.
- Clay letters – provide clay for forming letters.

Important Dates/Reminders

- **Monday, October 31** – Fall Fun day
- **Tuesday, November 1** – pajama day
- **Thursday, November 10** – Turkey feathers due back (will be sent home next week)
- **Wednesday, November 23** – Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Break

Red Ribbon Week Activities

- **Monday 10/31** – Dress as your favorite book character Day
- **Tuesday 11/1** – Pajama Day
- **Wednesday 11/2** – Crazy Hair Day
- **Thursday 11/3** – Dress for the Beach or Mountains Day

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What to look forward to next week:

Theme:

- ❖ Our Community: Things That Move
- ❖ Push and Pull – Children will learn about the push and pull of magnetic force.
- ❖ Investigating Numbers 1 – 5: recognize and read numerals 1 to 5
- ❖ Foundations: H
- ❖ Focus: Brown; Rectangle

Things That Move

Big Idea: Transportation is for doing jobs and getting around my community.

Concepts: Transportation, machines, how things move, safety rules

Theme Vocabulary: vehicle, transportation, safety, travel, traffic, passenger, driver

Push and Pull: In *Push and Pull*, children experience the "push" and "pull" of magnetic force. They use a bar magnet to move a magnetic toy train both forward and backward along a track. Turning the magnets one way pushes the train forward; turning the magnet the other way pulls the train back. Children try to use magnetic force to move their train all the way across the table.

Recognize and read numerals 1 to 5: For children to understand what a number represents; they must first be familiar with the quantity aspect of number. This follows from a natural progression of counting objects, to seeing pictorial quantities, to recognizing dot arrangements, to eventually linking these quantities to the number symbol, or numeral.

Visiting the Library

- *Big Book: Jobs Around My Neighborhood* by Gladys Rosa-mendoza
- *Little Trucks with Big Jobs* by Robert Maass
- *Only One Neighborhood* by Marc Haarshman
- *Two of Everything* by Lily Toy Hong
- *On the Town: A Community Adventure* by Judith Caseley
- *The Hubbub Above* by Arthur Howard
- *My World of Science: Magnetic and Nonmagnetic* by Angela Royston
- *Magnets Push, Magnets Pull* by Mark Weakland

"We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere."

-Tim McGraw