



SANTAN PRESCHOOL

MISS ELSIE'S HAPPENINGS



SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

Classroom Happenings!

Our class is beginning the theme, "My Family." During the next few weeks, we will be exploring the different members of families, family roles, and unique qualities of families.

Some activities for next week include:

- Practice with ramps to see how changing the height can affect how far the car goes
- Family sensory bin
- Make a graph on color of hair
- Match family manipulatives to correct color of house

Learning Together

- Sand Letters: Have children move their fingers through sand or salt to form letters.
- Talk about kindness and things we can do to express kindness to others. You can help by identifying examples of kind acts you can do at home and when you go places.
- Talk about similarities and differences among people, so your child will appreciate that we live in a diverse world.

Important Dates/Reminders

- ❖ **Thursday, September 22** – picture retakes
- ❖ **Thursday, September 29** – yellow day
- ❖ **Fall Intersession:** October 3 – October 17. Kids return on October 18 😊

“A lot of what we see depends
mainly on what we are looking
for.”

-Sir John Lubbock

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What to look forward to next week:

Theme:

- ❖ My Family: All Kinds of Families
- ❖ Blocks Measure Up: I will conduct an investigation to explore how changing a variable may affect the distance a car toy travels down a ramp.
- ❖ Ordering measurement attributes: Children will measure length using non-standard units.
- ❖ Foundations: Review
- ❖ Focus: Yellow; square

Family Fun

Big Idea: Every family is unique.

Concepts: Similarities and differences of people, respect and tolerance, family structures

Theme Vocabulary: alike, different, respect, similar, special, tradition

Measuring in non-standard units: This module also introduces measurement using non-standard units. It allows children to explore and investigate the measurement of length, mass, and capacity using many different informal units.

Blocks Measure Up: In *Speedway*, children use blocks to build ramps of different heights to investigate whether the height of a ramp affects the length a car travels. The children predict the outcome, make observations and draw conclusions about the relationships between ramp height and distance traveled.

Visiting the Library

- *Length* by Henry Arthur Pluckrose
- *What a Family* by Rachel Isadora
- *Clifford; We love you* by Norman Bridwell
- *Who's in a Family?* by Robert Skutch
- *Alphabet House* by Nancy Eizabeth Wallace
- *1, 2, 3* by Tana Hoban
- *Animal Numbers* by Bert Kitchen
- *Hamster Champs* by Stuart J. Murphy
- *Simple Machines* by Allan Fowler
- *What's Smaller Than a Pygmy Shrew?* by Robert E. Wells
- *Who Sank the Boat?* By Pamela Allen
- *Push, Pull, Empty, Full* by Tana Hoban
- *A House for Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle
- *Big Ones, Little Ones* by Tana Hoban
- *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest* by Steve Jenkins
- *Is the Blue What the Biggest Thing There Is?* by Robert E. Wells
- *The Biggest Fish* by Sheila Kennan