What’s new in our class this week

We are learning songs and rhymes, and doing activities related to “Making Things”!

This week, your child will begin to learn about tools used to make things. We will also teach about making lists of the steps we take to make things.

New Concept: Sentences and Words

We will learn that a sentence is made up of words, and words are made up of letters. This is an important concept as your child begins to write his/her own sentences.

New Letter

Big “N” and little “n”

We will talk some words that begin with “N”, like Nails, Nurse, Number and Now!

Letter Talk

“Letter Talk” is what we use to help children learn how to form letters!

Letter Talk for big ‘N’

Straight line down. Go to the top of this line. Slanted line down. Straight line up again.

Letter Talk for little ‘n’

Straight line down. Up, curve, and down.

Draw letters in the air or the palm of your child’s hand!

Song we are singing

“Pat-a-Cake”

“The Alphabet Song”

Revisiting the Books:

“Alphabet Under Construction” by Denise Fleming

“We will be reading the books “Alphabet under Construction” and “The Months of School”. We have read these books before, so we will help the children remember what the book is about. Also, we will talk about the main details and the order of events in the books. This will help children with the skill of recalling what has been read.

Remembering the details in a story is an important skill for children as they learn to read. You can help your child with this skill by recalling details about special events that have happened in the past. You can do this by looking through pictures or by reminding your child about specific things that happened.

“The Months of School” by Margie Sigman

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A Children’s Museum

A fun place to visit is an area children’s museum!

Museums usually offer exhibits on topics relating to specific areas, like science or history, so find one that is most interesting to you and your child.

All of the exhibits at the museum are designed so children can understand how things are made or work, and also encourages scientific thinking, imagination and creativity.

Typically, they have hands-on activities that really help develop your child’s understanding of new things.

If your area does not have a local children’s museum, try to organize a field trip to one with your child’s class or other parents.

Books related to theme

- “B is for Bulldozer” by June Sobel
- “The Magic Toolbox” by Mie Akraki
- “Roadwork” by Sally Sutton
- “The Art Lesson” by Tomie de Paola

Book Pick: “Family Fun Cooking with Kids”

Author: DeAnna Cook

This cookbook can help children learn to make things! It has 300 recipes that can be made with a child's help. Bright color photos of the finished dish illustrate each recipe, and the book has a variety of snacks, meals, and desserts that can feed the family. The book points out what kids can do and also tells when an adult should help.

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