What’s new in our class this week

We are learning songs, rhymes, and doing activities about “Working Together”!

This week we will talk about helping one another to do things like a project, a chore, or a task. We will also talk about cooperating with others and how a job is easier when we work together.

New Concepts:
Fiction (Make Believe)
Non-Fiction (Real)

Learning about “real” and “make believe” are important concepts as children learn to read. Talk about what is real and make believe with your child. Children need to know that not everything they read about in books (or watch on TV!) can really happen.

New Letter

Big “B” and little “b”

Some “B” words we will talk about are Balloons, Bear, Baby, Boy and Bus!

Songs we are singing

“Jack and Jill”
“The More We Get Together”

New Book: “Herman the Helper” by Robert Kraus

Herman the Helper is a book about an octopus that likes to help his family and friends. We will have the children predict where the story takes place by looking at the cover. We will talk about the clues on the cover that help children know where the story takes place (setting). We will also talk about the things that Herman does and if they are real (non-fiction) or make believe (fiction).
Try These Tips at Home

Help your child learn about: Real and Make Believe

- Play a “Real or Make Believe” game with your child, by providing scenarios and having your child guess whether it is real or make believe. For instance, you could say “you can eat with a spoon”, your child would say “real”. A make believe scenario might be “an octopus is eating dinner with us”, and when you child says “make believe” point out that your child is correct.

- When reading books talk about if the book is a “real” story that could happen or a “make believe” story that could not happen.

Teach your child about the letters: B and b

- Find words that start with the letter “B” when reading with your child.

- Emphasize words that start with “B”, when reading by saying that word louder. Then, ask your child what letter the word starts with.

Help your child learn more about: Working Together

- Ask your child to help around the house by doing simple chores, such as putting his or her toys away. Explain that the family works together to do chores.

- When making dinner, talk about how the family works together to cook dinner and set the table, and how it makes the job easier when everyone works together.

Discover Your Town

Sporting Events

If you are looking for a place to go together and have some fun, check out a local basketball, football, softball, baseball or hockey team. You can explain how the players work as a team to score points.

Books related to theme

- “Rudy Helps Out ” by Jill Donahue
- “Share and Take Turns” by Cheri J. Meiners
- “Let’s Do It Together” by Denise Jordan
- “Teamwork” by Lisa Turmbauer
- “Swimmy” by Leo Lionni

Book Pick: “Dimity Dumpty” by Bob Graham

Did you know that Humpty Dumpty has a sister? When Humpty Dumpty takes his fall while spray painting graffiti, it is his sister, Dimity, who comes to his rescue. She runs to the big top and mobilizes everyone to save her brother. Despite a grim prognosis, he is saved by Dimity, who actually comes out of her “shell” to get the help he needs. Children and parents will love this story of a quiet child who shuns attention and remains true to herself. It reminds us all that each and everyone of us has special gifts and talents.

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