



Miss Amanda and Miss Erin
Room 5

We would like to welcome all the new families to the preschool. We have spent time getting to know each other and building new friendships. We have also gotten familiarized with the classroom and routines. When the children feel comfortable in their environment is when there is the greatest potential for learning. The children have done an excellent job adjusting to preschool and we look forward to continuing our routines and expanding our learning.

Favorite Activity: Each month we will highlight some of the favorite activities of the classroom. This past month the children have really enjoyed singing songs. We have learned our Hello and Goodbye song, our Snack song, Weather song, The Wheels on the Bus, Freeze Dance, and The ABC Song. Singing songs helps with listening skills and following directions and introduces new vocabulary.

Painting has been very popular too. The children loved painting at the art easel, painting with bingo dot markers, and watercolors. Painting is a great way for the children to express themselves creatively with no boundaries and it can very relaxing too.

Another relaxing experience the children had fun with was playing with play dough. Play dough is moldable so that the children could roll it into balls, press it flat, or use cookie cutters to turn it into different shapes. It is a very open-ended activity and the children are able to use their imagination to create things! It also helps build the muscles in the hand which are needed to hold the writing utensil correctly.

All About Me Bag: Each Tuesday, starting later in October, an All About Me Bag will accompany a child home. Your child will be putting items of their choosing to bring in for a show and tell. You will bring it back on Thursday and it will be shared with the class during circle time and then the items will be returned home. Children love sharing personal items with their friends so this is a great opportunity to learn a little bit about each one of you.

What's Ahead: Our themes for the month of October are: Sensational Shapes, Number Galore, Fall Happenings, and Fall Party.

Fall Fest: We will have a celebration called Fall Fest during regular class time on Tuesday, October 31. The celebration will be held in the classroom. The children may wear costumes, we will have games to play, and we will sing songs for the parents. More details will follow soon.

Here is my email address for any questions you may have throughout the year:
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