



Welcome Fall!

Week of: September 12th



We are sorry to say "good-bye" to Rocco. He and his family moved back to their previous house in Cumming. One good thing I told him is that I'll be seeing him around church, as I found out we attend the same one. ☺ The kids will really miss him; they enjoyed his eagerness to make friends.

Language Arts/Reading: We will be on the final week of our theme, entitled "All About Me". We are learning about how spoken words and written words are different, why it's important to use appropriate language, how we get information from books, and how to remember the main ideas from a story. We will be learning about the letter/sound: **Tt** (Tuesday, September, pot). Please have your child bring in a clipping from a magazine or newspaper of a picture or a word with the sound for Tt in the beginning, middle, and end of the word on MONDAY for our introduction lesson (no larger than the palm of your hand). We have been practicing stretching out words using our bodies: touch our heads when we hear the sound at the beginning, touch our tummies when we hear the sounds in the middle and touch our feet when we hear the sound at the end. You too can practice this strategy at home with your child. We will also introduce the five Dolch words: **I, you, it, of, in**. I recommend that you practice reading/writing/spelling these words frequently. The previous words we learned were: the, to, and, he, a. We've been starting to work on our sentence structure in small group LA lessons. We talk about being STAR writers: Upper case letters at the beginning of a sentence, spacing between words, ending with punctuation, using the word wall or dictionaries for words. If you don't already have a good primary picture dictionary at home, that would be a fantastic investment to assist with homework. I meant to bring this up at curriculum night but completely forgot.

Social Studies: Constitution Day on 9/16. We will celebrate our country and our constitution.

Science: Physical Properties: We will sort materials of different composition (clay, cloth, paper, plastic, etc.) and use our senses to classify common materials according to their physical attributes.

Math: We will work on calendar math (months, days, seasons, graphing, counting, estimating) all year long. We learned about the number words zero, one and the numerals 0, 1. This week we will learn the number word **two** and the numeral **2**. It is so very important that you help your child at home b/c we are building upon previously taught skills. We will also be measuring using different manipulatives; the focus being on capacity. We had fun last week measuring by length and comparing using many non-standard units (unifix cubes, shoes, string, etc.)

Room Mom notes: Thank you to all the parents who have contributed money to the class party and teacher appreciation funds. Still time to contribute if you would like to do so! Just return your envelopes in your child's folder. If you have not had a chance to log-on to our shutterfly account, please do at: <http://mrsnicolskindergartenclass.shutterfly.com/>

NEXT WEEK: (September 12th- 16th)

Monday 9/12: Tt letter/sound introduction (don't forget your 3 clippings today)
PE (wear appropriate clothing)
Blue group's show & tell (Chase, Abby, Creed, Karen)

Tuesday 9/13: Red group's show and tell (Jack, Coleman, Sofie, Morgan, Spencer)
Fall Picture day, dress nice! ☺

Music

LA helper (8:30-9:30): Carmie Leister

Reader (1:00-1:20): Ashley Methvin

Wednesday 9/14: Yellow group's show and tell (Thomas, Hannah, Naomi, CJ, Caroline)

LA helper (8:30-9:30): Jessica McCoun

Reader (1:00-1:20): *still needed*

Thursday 9/15: Green group's show and tell (Christina, Cole, Aidan, Eli, Amelia, Presley)

PE (wear appropriate clothing)

LA helper (8:30-9:30): Stephanie Parmele

Friday 9/16: CONSTITUTION DAY!! Wear RED, WHITE & BLUE!

Hall games/Center Helper: *still needed*

Take Nilla home: *still needed*

-Mrs. Nicol, Mrs. Neas and room moms! 😊