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Happy September to our families!!! This month is going to be a busy month as we will be starting our upcoming school year. Transitions will have finally become permanent, meaning students that have been transitioning will now be in their new classes with their new teachers. Therefore, be sure to meet with your child's new teacher(s) to get familiar with how things are run in the new classroom. Also parents, now is the time to make sure that your child

REMINDERS:

- September 7th: **NO SCHOOL!!!** Closed for Labor Day.
- Notify the school if your child is ill with a contagious illness.
- Update your contact numbers.
- Wash your child's hands upon arrival.

has everything they need for their new class. This means a blanket, pillow, and a change of clothes. It is important that your child is prepared for their new class and that they are as comfortable as they can be. Also the weather is getting chillier, so be sure you bring your child a jacket/sweater, just in case they need it.

Furthermore, we want to remind parents that we have an Open Door Policy. You are welcome to visit your child's class whenever you'd like. You are welcome to sit in, observe, read a book, interact with their class, etc. This is also a great opportunity for you to become familiar with what a typical day looks like for you child. It is also great for your child to see their parent(s) involved in their school. Children love seeing new faces, so why not pop in one day and surprise your child and their class! They always love to keep busy, so come prepared with a storybook, game, or anything clever you think they would enjoy!

Lastly, parents we urge you to continue to contact your state legislatures to resolve the issues pertaining to AFC. Be sure to check your emails periodically as we will send you any updates that come our way about the changes with AFC. For now, July 1st standards are still in effect, but that the good news is that the payments are no longer being frozen. However, these changes still affect us and any new parents trying to enroll, so again we insist that you continue to reach out to your state legislature to fix the matter. If you want more information about the issue, go to http://iafc.convio.net/site/MessageViewer? dlv_id=27682&em_id=15281.0. Page 2

Toddler Town Evanston September Newsletter

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Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Vanessa's Bumblebees Class 2-year-olds



Under the Sea Animals

We are close to saying bye to our warm days! For the month of September, the children will learn about letters M and F. We will talk about manners, friendships, the Five Senses, etc. Some of our crafts will be, but are not limited to, creating friendships, making salads, learning about manners, making collages, and many more fun things. Last month, the children learned about the letter U. The children also made pictures of under the sea animals. The children are looking forward to their next adventure in learning.

Mr. Shonn and Ms. Daulet's Chipmunks Class 3-year-olds

Howdy Do!

In August we turned our attention to Upper & Lower Case Alphabets for an extended period, Things That Fly, and Water. In the month of September, Motorcycles, Alligators, Colors (Blending colors to make new ones is the angle), and Shapes will be subjects of focus. Parents are always welcome to come in and volunteer, and please don't forget to check Teaching Strategies for information on your favorite Chipmunk's progress and activities.



Upper & Lower Case Art



Gather Around The Camp Fire

Happy September, and welcome to all of our brand new students! Starting in a new class calls for a fresh start and as we slowly transition into the fall season, we have a lot to prepare for. Last month, we explored money concepts, camping, and rocks. In the month of September, we will review classroom guidelines, school safety and talk about our weekly routine. In the following weeks, we will talk about feelings, have an "All About Me Week", and then finally we will

Ms. Alex and Ms. Tammie's Butterflies Class 4

introduce the fall season. Parents are also encouraged to send their children to school with books to share with their classmates (especially those that are theme related). Ask your child's teacher(s) about the upcoming themes for ideas.

Ms. Jaya's Sharks Class 5-year-olds

Welcome September! We had so much fun pretending to be Ocean animals. We discussed the importance of Hand-washing, learned about different kinds of feelings, and had fun playing a feeling game. Pretending to be babies was a whole lot of fun. Our old pre-k students usually leave us around this time to start their journey to elementary school each year, so in September we have new students in the class and this is the time for us to learn about each other and that also includes lots of observations. We are looking forward to learn all about ourselves, our family, Five Senses, Labor Day, and Fall this month. The letters we will learn are L, B, M & F. For math we will practice counting 1- 20. Since we will have new students, we will start talking about basic shapes such as; Circle, Triangle, Rectangle & Square. We will continue improving our early reading skills with guessing games, clue games, rhyming words, sounding out the letters, reading books, etc. The children will start practicing writing their names. A variety of art projects, games, graphs and outdoor activities will accompany our learning.



Picture of Hand Washing