



September 2009

Dear Parents,

The 2009-2010 school year has just begun, and we have so much in store for our Kindergarten Kids. The month of September will be all about our students – learning about themselves, their bodies, their families, friends and community. We will highlight what makes each of us unique, and how we are all special. This topic will be explored throughout our curriculum.

In Language Arts, we will read stories about people and animals who learn to love themselves because they are different, as well as books about how to be a caring friend and family member. The students will review and be introduced to new sight words – words that are frequently found in our daily lives, and become familiar with reading and writing them. Together, we will work on phonics with initial letter sounds, and become skilled at how to take apart common words in order to read them. Everyone will begin a Writer's Workshop: writing stories and in their journals with pictures; trying to sound out and spell words; and holding conferences to talk about what we want to say.

In Science, we will learn about our Five Senses – sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell. In a hands-on unit, the class will explore the five senses, what parts of our body they are each associated with, and how we use all five of them in our daily lives.

In Math, our Kindergartners will continue to work on counting and writing numbers 1-20. Additionally, we will learn how to sort by different criteria, including colors, shapes and sizes, as well as how to create repeating patterns.

In Social Studies, our class will identify the communities we are a part of, including our family and school. We continue to work on the calendar, learning the days of the week and months of the year. The students will practice how to be good citizens, sharing with their friends, taking care of personal and school property, and following classroom and school rules.

Finally, in our Dramatic Play Center, we will stock our Kindergarten Kitchen with groceries – making a grocery list and shopping together.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic year with our Kindergarten Kids, a year filled with lots of learning and fun! If you need to reach me, please feel free to send me a note in your child's Communication Folder or to call the school office at (305) 595-3008. I will return your call as soon as possible.

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