

AKK September News

2020



Our school year has begun with lots of new experiences for everyone!

We have learned that we have two important rules at preschool:

1. We all stay in our group with our teacher(s). This means we play indoors, have snack, play on the playground, and ride bikes in our small groups with our teacher(s).
2. Only one child at a time may go into the AKK bathroom to use the toilet. We have a Girl Bathroom Picture and a Boy Bathroom Picture that hang on a hook outside our bathroom door. They are waiting to do their job of letting everyone know that there is someone using the bathroom and everyone else needs to please wait their turn!

During August and early September, our teaching themes were: Welcome to School, All About Me, Summer Fun, and Our Community! We learned about our school rules and routines, our teachers, our new friends, our old friends, ourselves, fun with our families in the summer, and that school is part of our community!

Bible Learning included: "God Made You and God Loves You!" Genesis 1:27, "The Bible is God's Special Book for Me", "Simon and his Boat" Luke 5: 1-11, and "Love Your Neighbor" Matt. 22:39.

In the MWF and TTh class we created a fun "Person", a beautiful "tie-dye" banner, water bottle or paper plate "aquariums", painted watercolor fish or sea stars, put stars or handprint "stripes" on our class flag, and got measured to see how tall we are at the beginning of the school year!

The MWF class created their name with colorful dot stickers, made a handprint "family tree", and built boats that float! The TTh class created the first letter of their name with tissue paper squares and marble-painted red, white, and blue stars. Each child has been learning to locate their individual classroom "mailbox" by looking for their name and photo on the clothespin clipped to it.

Everyday at preschool we have "Circle Time" where we learn through stories, songs, movement, puppets, flannel board and other activities which are "teacher-directed". During circle time we have a Standard or Expectation of behavior that includes sitting "criss-cross" on one picture on the rug, hands in our lap, body and eyes facing forward, mouth closed with "hamburger lips" and ears open ready to listen. This is AKK's introduction to "academic learning" which requires focus and self-control. We hope that you will support this process by helping your child practice this (for a few minutes) at home too!

Thank you to all families who were able to join our Zoom virtual Parent Information Night "meetings". One tradition of AKK's previous "in-person" Parent Info Nights has been to encourage parents to use our markers or crayons to create a special picture or note with their child's name on it to be placed in their child's mailbox on the next school day they attend. The children are always amazed to find this "surprise" mail. If you would like to continue this tradition, please feel free to drop off any mail for your child at drop off or pick up time and we will be sure it is properly "delivered".

We are truly thankful for all our families who have sent their child to AKK this school year! Despite the circumstances around us, we are experiencing the pleasure of getting to know each one of your children's unique personalities and looking forward to enjoying the coming Fall season at AKK!

We still have openings in both classes, so please continue to spread the word about AKK to your friends and families.

We greatly appreciate you!

Teachers Nancy, Lisa, Christina, and Katie







