

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME

Ms. Maddy will read about when Moses gets God's Laws, from the *Beginning Bible*, in **Exodus 20**. Goodie Bear and Ms. Shirley will share about our moral teaching on being "Respectful" This special time will be shared together on

Ms. Carissa and Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Classes

It is now Fall and school is officially in session! We have loved learning more about our students and families. Back to School Night was a success and we enjoyed discussing our class and what this year will look like for all of the kids. In the classroom, we continued our discussion of "Treasure" and took a closer look at minerals and rocks. Ms. Rebecca helped by sharing her mineral collection she brought from home. We have been preparing for our parent- teacher conferences which we will have this month so we look forward to getting to know you all a little more. If you have anything you would like to discuss with us about the upcoming school year, please let Ms. Rebecca or I know and we'll be happy to clarify it for you. ~ Ms. Carissa

Ms. Daphne and Ms. Maddy's Preschool Class

Our school year's off to a great start. During the month of August we've had fun getting to know each other. We learned about our families in how we're similar yet different and how each family and child brings a uniqueness to our classroom. The children were showing interest in our garden and planting so we brought that inside our classroom. We planted beans and the children have been watering and measuring each plant as it sprouts. All the children have shown so much patience while waiting for their seed to sprout. We also have been reading books about how to care for plants and what plants need to grow; air, water and soil. We have been discussing shapes, colors and counting 1-10. We are learning how to walk in class, raise a quiet hand during group, and how to speak to a friend when you may be having a problem and move towards conflict resolution. A friendly reminder: if your child is not an Early Bird, please arrive with your child between 8:30 -9:00 a.m. If you are running late, please call the kitchen (1-805-481-2223 x 18)so your child does not miss



being counted for snack. Also, some children don't care for our snack so please pack an extra something just in case. We are looking forward to another great month. ~Ms. Daphne

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Swati's Toddlers

In August we took time to learn more about ourselves, focusing on differences and similarities in hair, eye, and skin color. The children really enjoyed looking at the mirror and talking about themselves with others. They also had fun using different color stamp pads to make their hand and foot prints. Many of the older toddlers have been practicing riding the trikes, peddling and following the arrows around the courtyard. The children have also been very helpful in taking care of our vegetable and flower gardens by watering them. They have enjoyed picking and eating red ripe strawberries and cherry tomatoes, too. Some other things our group enjoyed in August were learning about farm animals and imitating the different sounds they make, talking about some of the things that we do with our families, cooking pretend food and having picnics in our dramatic play area and learning about shapes and colors. Our older toddler group is still getting used to the routines and the new environment in our classroom. It is a big step for some of the children and it takes time to adjust. In September we will be exploring different kinds of apples. We will be counting, sorting and tasting them. We are also getting ready for Fall Conference so be looking out for our parent/teacher conference sign-up sheet. Please feel free to talk to us if there are any questions about conferences. Finally, we would highly appreciate any support you can provide in making playdough or being a laundry helper for our class. Thanks! ~Ms. Swati

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

Thank you to all my Young Toddler Families, who were able to attend our "Back To School Night". I really enjoyed that time with you! I want to support you in whatever way I can. I would love to share a couple resources, that may be helpful to you as parents and family members of young toddlers. "1,2,3, The Toddler Years" by Irene Van der Zande and "No Bad Kids" by Janet Lansbury, are both great books, that I would be happy to loan out. Also, in October, I am hoping to schedule a meeting, to present and discuss the practical application of the basic RIE principles, in caring for Tod-



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