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The big event is this Sunday, September 28th, from 3-6. The drawing items are growing and you can see them in the entrance of Play School. You will find me painting faces. Tell your friends, bring friends, and come and visit and enjoy an afternoon on the meadow. Kahleen

Week ONE Themes: September 15-19, 2014 (Last Week)

- COLOR: Nothing specific this week
- LETTER: "L"
 - We use only the capital letters at Play School as a part of the Handwriting without tears program.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Heath and germs; Getting to know new friends
- Mrs. Zweers is starting the movement inventories with all the children. This will go on all year. Turning a somersault and skipping are important to us. This is something you can work on at home if they are difficult for your child.

Week TWO Themes: September 22-26, 2014 (This week)

- COLOR: YELLOW - please have your child wear as much YELLOW as possible.
- LETTER: "F", as in fish, frog, foil, funny face, friction. This is for Pre-K.
 - We use only the capital letters at Play School as a part of the Handwriting without tears program.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Health and safety, doctors, nurses,
- On Wednesday, Mrs. Zweers will be making lemonade with the class. She needs an electric lemon squeezer to go with all her other juicing tools. Thanks for sending in lemons, keep them coming.

August and September birthdays: Here is the list dates of the first birthdays that I plan to give each child a crown, so that only one child (if possible) can be the birthday person each day.

- Rhys - Sept. 23
- Brenden - Sept. 24
- Eliana - Sept. 25
- Katie - Sept. 30
- Isaac H. - Oct. 2
- Oliver -- Oct. 21

I have posted these dates on the big calendar on the website (<http://mounthermon.org/playschool#calendar>). If the day that I picked is not good for you, please let me know and we can work out something else with a day that will work better for you. You may bring a treat to celebrate the birthday crown day. We suggest small, non gooey treats are great. Jello jigglers, pop corn, small cookies and cupcakes, small pieces of fruit, rice crispy treats are great!!! These are just some ideas. Remember that we are peanut free (really the only seed/nut we have at school this year is sunflower).

On TTh If you want Eliana to eat what you bring, call her MOM.

On MWF if you want Emmy, Isaiah and Samuel to eat your treat, call their Moms.

About FOOD ALLERGYIES: No food can come to school with peanut, tree nuts including coconut. There is a real risk for Emmy if you even bring traces of these things to school on clothes or body parts. If you have a child in the MWF class and plan to send any food to school, please Email Erin at: erinkayaker@yahoo.com to check first. If your child has a food allergy, please see Kahleen this week, so we can be sure our lists are up-to-date. Please provide a birthday treat for your child to be kept at school for any celebrations.

Helpful tips for success at school:

1. **BATHROOM:** The children are trying to go to the bathroom on their own, but when there are snaps and zippers, or even really tight fitting elastic in the waste of the pants, it is impossible for them to complete this task alone.
2. **SHOES:** Open shoes allow the sand to get in too easily, and there was some frustration today when the sand just would not stay out. If you have shoes that the child can take off and put on by themselves that is the best for school. Yes, I know, some of those come with all the holes for the sand to get in. Oh well, just think about it. Long shoe laces can get caught in the wheels of the trikes. Velcro and elastic can usually work, but we will help them when needed.

Mrs. Zweers wood projects: (The boards have been promised, but I think we still need some painted) One very special craft and learning activity that we do at school is hammering with real nails and hammers. In order to do this, we need LOTS of 6 inch pine shelving cut in 8inch sections, with the edges sanded so the children don't get splinters. We then need some of them painted and we have the paint. We use these boards with both classes so we figure that we need about 200, 8" x 6" boards. If you are interested, you can just get the boards, cut them and bring them to us. If you want to help with the painting, we buy the water base, glossy, out door paint, in the primary colors from the hardware store. If you are able to do the work, but do not have money for the materials, let me (Kahleen) know. Thanks for any help.

Leaves: As we slide into the Fall, keep an eye out for leaves that are falling off trees in big piles. We love to have big piles of leaves for the children to play in, so we are asking that you bag leaves and bring them to school. Since they will be rolling in the leaves, please do NOT include oak leaves or any other that have sharp pokies on them. Thanks so much!!!

Blessings to all,
Kahleen Edeal, Monica Zweers, Brigette Ross and Faith Filey