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Today, Thursday, Mrs. Zweers showed the Ladybug class how she makes lemonade. They all got to taste it at snack. Tomorrow on Friday, they will be stamping with the lemons. Thanks to everyone that sent in lemons for this special activity.

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.

Week THREE Themes: September 29 - October 3, 2014

- COLOR: RED - please have your child wear as much RED as possible.
- LETTER: "E", as in elephant, Elmo, Elmer. 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: Firefighters, apples,
 - On Friday, October 3, the Felton Fire Department will bring a fire truck and equipment to Play School. If you are a firefighter and want to come in uniform on any day this week let me (Kahleen) know so we can plan to include you.
 - **Apples:** Wednesday & Thursday, October 1 & 2, Mrs. Zweers will be peeling apples and making applesauce with both classes. Therefore, we need at least one apple per child so that they can peel an apple. Sooooo... bring lots of apples, different colors are great. Thanks for the help. It makes your child feel important to contribute to the class projects.

Week FOUR Themes: October 6-10, 2014

- COLOR: BLUE
- LETTER: "H" As in hand, house, heart beat, horse. This is for Pre-K.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Hardware Store
- MOVEMENT ROOM: 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.

Birthdays: The birthday celebrations have been going so well. Today Eliana brought banana pops and they were a hit. Check the calendar to see what day I plan to give your child their crown.

<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. Jello jigglers, pop corn, small cookies and cupcakes with very little or no frosting, small pieces of fruit, rice crispy treats, frozen bananas on a stick are some ideas. Remember that we are peanut free (really the only seed/nut we have at school this year is sunflower).

About FOOD ALLERGYIES: Due to the really bad effects of peanuts on Emmy, we ask that everyone wash hands really well before they enter the school. I cannot be on your hands or face or clothes. Thanks so much for helping us keep Emmy and Isaiah healthy.

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: 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. Thanks so much!!!

Book Orders: Lots of you ordered books this month and we want to thank you. That gives us credit to be able to get more books for the school. Next order is due in the basket or online (code is GYBPK) by Friday, October 17th. Check with Miss Filey if you have any question.

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