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**Week 15 Themes:** January 12-16, 2015 (This week)

- LETTER: "P", as in: PENGUIN, PAPER, PENCIL, PINK, PURPLE. This is for Pre-K.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Weather, rain, rainbows, snow, Noah and the Ark, Jonah and the Big Fish
- We just dumped out a bunch of bags of leaves from before the holidays. The kids are having a great time with them.
  - Miss Filey is making shaved ice with both classes all this week.
  - Mrs. Zweers is doing some hammering projects, thanks to Jack's Dad for providing the boards.
  - I am spending time with each child, doing our Play School Inventory for colors, shapes, numbers and letter names. I will be doing this all week.
- MOVEMENT ROOM: I, Mrs. Edeal, am in the movement room making mazes with boxes. Thanks for sending in big boxes, keep them coming. Thanks to Rhys' Dad, Andrew, we started with some big box items which we have kept from years past.
- Special Author, Carrie Talbott, will be here on Friday to read her new book to our class. She will read at 9:10, so try to get here on time.

**Week 16 Themes:** January 20 - 23, 2015 **NO SCHOOL MONDAY**

- LETTER: "B" as in: BEAR, BALLOON, BUTTON, BEAN, BLUE, BLACK, BROWN
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Space, planets, stars, constellations, rockets!!!!
  - We need cardboard tubes to make rockets with this week. We need your help!!!
  - Mrs. Zweers will be helping every child to make their own rocket this week. Anyone that wants to stay for a little while to help with this, talk to me ahead of time so we can be sure we have everything you will need to be a rocket engineer.
  - In Miss Filey's room we will have light brights set up this week.
  - Box play in the game room will go on all month.

**Week 17 Themes:** January 26, 2015

- LETTER: "D" As in DOG, DUCK, DOTS, DAD. This is for Pre-K.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Space, planets, stars, constellations, rockets.
  - Mrs. Zweers will be making Pizza Planets this Wednesday
- MOVEMENT ROOM: Boxes, boxes, boxes

**Special News: Our Caterpillar Class will start on February 3.** Children must be 2.5 years old by February 1<sup>st</sup> in order to qualify for this class. We will have a visit day from 9:15 to 10:15 on Thursday, January 29, where the children can come with a care giver and get a look at the classroom and program. If you are interested in enrolling a child, please contact me. 335-9420 or [playschool@mounthermon.org](mailto:playschool@mounthermon.org)

**Birthday Crowns:** check 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. 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 ALLERGIES: 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: If you have shoes that the child can take off and put on by themselves that is the best for school. Velcro and elastic can usually work, but we will help them when needed. Long shoe laces can get caught in the wheels of the trikes.

**White shredded paper:** We would love to have it "snow" at Play School. If you have white shredded paper, send it in so we can have a snow day soon. Paper will compost with the leaves, so this is a fun way to see it snow, but not get too cold....hee hee. Thanks

**Book Orders:** Due Friday, January 16. Turn in orders in the basket on the check-in counter or go online (code is GYBPK). Check with Miss Filey if you have any question.

**Miss Filey Needs:** Miss Filey needs 2 liter soda bottles soon.

As the Valentines Day parties and Easter parties get closer I am thankful for all the parents that have done the paperwork necessary to help us in the class room. So if you think that you may want to help with a party or project, remember that only the parents that have the paperwork done and proof of a TB skin test can work on the room. Ask me, Kahleen, if you have any questions.

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