



Homelinks

Connecting Home and School

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Week of: 9/23/19

Our Current Study: Beginning the School Year / Bread

Focus Question of the Week:

What should we do if we get sad or scared at school?/What are our rules?

Daily Questions we explored:

Have you ever been sad?

Have you ever been scared?

What makes you happy?

Did you wash your hands when you got to school today?

Would you like to paint today?

What we learned this week:

This week we began discussing certain feelings and what causes us to feel that way and how we can change uncomfortable feelings. Then we began discussing rules in our classroom and why they are important: to keep us safe! We were introduced to the letter Bb and learned how to write it with a poem!

B: Straight line down, back to start. Round and Round like a sideways heart!

b: straight line down, up halfway, around one time and here to stay!

Second Steps Lesson: Listening

Listening is an important skill for learning that helps children participate successfully in school. Having clear listening rules helps children listen to the teacher and improves their ability to pay attention during group times. Research shows that children who are able to listen in a group are more successful in kindergarten than children who are not able to listen. Our four listening rules are: Eyes are watching, Ears are Listening, Voices Quiet, Bodies Calm!

Skills we practiced:

- **Cutting:** This week the children learned how to properly and safely hold and use a scissors by learning a poem!

Two fingers on the bottom and thumb on top!

Open the mouth and go chop, chop, chop!

The children have been practicing cutting all different types of paper while practicing safe cutting practices!

Focus Question we will explore next week:

What do we know about bread? What do we want to find out?

Daily Questions we will explore:

Do you like bread?

Did you eat bread today?

How many slices of bread are there in this bag?

Do you have a favorite kind of bread?

What do you want to know about bread?

Things to do together at home:

Involve your child in your grocery shopping. When you create a list, allow them to observe or create their own. Allow them to check off the items when you put them in your cart and while you're there check out the bread aisle and show them all the different types of bread!

Things to bring to school:

A picture of your family's favorite kind of bread for your child to share with the class!