









As we say goodbye to September and welcome October, we're also excited to have transitioned to a whole new group of children. It's been a joy getting to know all the new faces, and we've already had so much fun exploring our September themes together!

The themes we focused on during the month of September were, The Forest, All About Me, In the Fall, and The Farm. These were engaging themes that encouraged plenty of learning and exploration. We had nature walks where the children observed the changing leaves and collected items from outside. Our sensory bins and sensory paintings helped everyone explore their creativity, and baking activities tied into our farm theme, introducing the idea of farm-to-table in a hands-on way.

October's themes will be Bugs and Insects, Friends and Family, Changing Seasons, and "Spooky" Week. As we explore these topics, the children will have the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of activities. For Bugs and Insects, we'll dive into the fascinating world of creatures like caterpillars, spiders, and ladybugs. Friends and Family will focus on building social-emotional skills, helping the children understand the importance of the relationships in their lives. Changing Seasons will be all about observing and exploring the beautiful transformations that happen in nature during fall. And finally, for "Spooky" Week, we'll embrace the fun side of Halloween with themed activities that are more fun than frightening!

Some of the activities we have planned for October include, Fizzy Spider Eggs, a fun science activity that will let the children see how chemical reactions work in a Halloween-themed experiment. Feeding the Hungry Caterpillar, a fine motor activity that helps build hand strength and coordination. Creepy Crawly Sensory Bins, engaging the children's senses as they explore different textures and objects related to bugs and insects. Engaging art projects, themed art activities that let the children express their creativity and celebrate Halloween in a lighthearted way.

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As the weather continues to cool, please remember to check the weather forecast daily to ensure your child is dressed appropriately for October's changing temperatures. We recommend layering and sending a light jacket each day, especially as we plan to spend plenty of time outdoors.

We're looking forward to another exciting month filled with learning, exploration, and fun seasonal activities. Let's make October a spooky-good time!





Hello Busy Bee Parents,

Last month The Busy Bees learned all about the seasons changing and fall activities! As we move through October, we will learn and discuss more about Autumn and everything that Fall will bring!

We will continue to explore activities to support our curriculum, this includes encouraging the children's development across all the learning domains. Our activities and curriculum focus on; social, language, cognitive, motor (large and fine), and self-help skills. We have planned fun and exciting ways to help children develop these skills. An example of an activity for this month will be Fallen Leaf Painting! In this activity, we will offer leaves, paper, paint, paintbrushes, and so much more to give the kids a wide range of materials to be creative and have fun with! This activity will help strengthen the kid's fine motor skills and partake in decorating the classroom for October!

We have planned fun and creative activities that will carry our curriculum forward including (but not limited to); singing songs, reading books, a fall-themed scavenger hunt, lots of large motor movement games, painting, and curriculum-themed sensory bins! We have developed fun and creative ways to practice our large and fine motor skills! Some of these activities include movement games like dancing to fun educational songs, art activities, and so much more! This month, we also set a few activities that apply to the children's cognitive and social development. These activities include; scavenger hunts where the children can look at pictures and find the other image that matches, painting and coloring activities that boost creativity, and sharing games to support social development!

While in this class we want the Busy Bees to gain as many words as possible! We work with the bees through various activities to help develop their social and self-help skills and encourage them to use as many words as possible! We will continue to play games, listen to songs, read books, and do fun activities to help continuously develop our Busy Bee's minds and bodies!

If there are any questions please feel free to ask!

HAPPY FALL!!

- Danielle & Lyla

SHIMING STARS NEWSLETTER

Hello Parents! Fall is here and we are falling in love with our new Shining Stars as they continue to explore their new classroom! We welcome new and returning parents with siblings to the Shining Stars classroom. We are off to a fresh start by going back to school and learning the basics. We first learned about numbers and counting to ten. One fun finger play we did was "Five Little Monkeys". During that fingerplay, we are able to count and use subtraction when counting how many monkeys are left. We use counting everyday and throughout the day whether at mealtimes, storytime and engaging in play.

After counting, we learn the alphabet and explore letters. We colored and discussed the first letter in our name. We even sang a name song at group time so everyone could learn each other's names; including the teachers. Our next theme was shapes. We have a lot of blocks with many shapes. We colored drawn out shapes and even watched a very short clip of shape naming. Of course our children can identify a star. We even practiced drawing shapes ourselves to work on fine motor skills. For cognitive enhancement, we played matching games and activities with shapes. In

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Our last back to school theme was colores. Some of our stars are quite familiar with naming colors. We had so much fun mixing colors, painting and coloring. We thank all the parents for participating in wearing a specific color each day. This helps our kids learn and are able to identify a color. It was a very colorful week. Now that Fall is falling among us, we will begin our Fall themes and activities. Themes such as leaves, pumpkins, camping, scarecrows, apples and so much more!! We can't wait. Please as always, feel free to ask us any questions about your child or their classroom. Stay safe and healthy. Catch ya later!



RISING STARS NEWSLETTER

October is here and there is so much to look forward to. The air is crisp, the leaves are changing colors, it's officially spooky season, and the holidays are just around the corner!

There have been some changes this past month, Ms. Sara is transitioning to an assistant director position at the riverpoint center. We are so thankful for the time we had with her, and wish her all of the happiness on her journey! She will be greatly missed by all. In the meantime we will have a few different teachers working together to fill the role. Presumably Mr. Jay, Mr. Nick, and Ms. Adiyah who most of you are familiar with.

In the month of September the "All about ne" sheets were completed and we discussed some of our favorite things during circle time. We will continue to work on memorizing our parents! First names, dar age, and our last names in the months to come. I treasure circle time because I always learn so much about the children, and they love talking about the fun things they get to do with their families. We have also been working on "Manners". We have been learning about table manners and what to do with our bodies while we are at the table. We sing songs about waiting and hands in our lap (open shut them) to help them remember. At the end of the month we collected leaves and flowers on our walks and pressed them to make our "Tall colors" book The children were delighted to pick out their own leaves and press them independently. After noticing how much our new class loves the home living center I have been conting up with fun activities to do with them while they play. So far we have set up a "farmers market" to shop at with our baskets, A doctor/veterinarian's office, and a restaurant.

As the weather changes please remember to bring warm clothing for your child, as we try to go outside rain or shine! We also ask that you bring in an extra set of clothes for your child to keep at the center in case of potty accidents. Don't forget

Picture Day is Monday October 7th, and Tuesday October 8th!

If you have any questions or concerns please talk with me anytime!

Ms. Iliana



Hello Sunshine Room Families!

Here in the sunshine Room we focus on learning through play as well as strengthening our self help skills to build confidence and gain independence. We

believe in creating a nurturing and stimulating environment where each child can thrive and reach their full potential.

We emphasize Self-help skills in the sunshine room to foster independence as we prepare students for school and life. Students use problem-solving skills and patience to practice making their own beds, serving themselves at meal times, daily toothbrushing and other daily tasks. We start our mornings with quiet morning activities to help with a smooth transition into our day.

These usually include table top manipulative and artistic activities for students to choose from or free play in quiet centers while breakfast is prepared. Meal times are a time of independence-building through family style meals.

Children develop social-emotional, cooperation and fine motor skills through passing dishes to friends and self-serving food and drink items.

After breakfast children are encouraged to free play in our many learning centers to explore and develop a variety of skills and interests. We use Centers/stations to maximize the different areas of learning each student is exposed to daily while also encouraging children to independently make positive choices.

We like to include a group activity during the morning, during circle times we review learning goals such as calendar, letter of the week and vocabulary, numbers, colors and more through group games, circle time songs and other fun activities. Outside is one of our favorite times in the sunshine room, we love our playground and when weather permits we love taking walks around our green space as well as the community garden next door! When we come in from outside, we begin to prepare for Lunch by using the restroom and washing our hands. Students learn table manners and develop social and fine motor skills by passing food and drink items family style during all meal and snack times

During quiet time each student has their own designated cot and bedding items that only they will use as well as a spot in the classroom for them to relax and listen to quiet music and whitenoise. Bedding is washed weekly by classroom.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey! Your involvement and engagement play a crucial role in their development, and we are so grateful for the continued trust you place in us.









