

## Blue Room News

October 2019

Dear Parents,

It was so nice meeting with all of you at the "Day in the Classroom." Thank you to those who attended. For those that were not able to attend we discussed our goals for the children for this school year along with asking all of you what you wanted from this school year. We want to make sure that we are working towards the Illinois early learning standards and goals. We have them posted throughout the classroom in each interest area. Please take a moment to read them when you have time. Thank you!

The children have been learning about each other through our "All About Me", curriculum. We are going to continue with this for the next two weeks and then we will begin discussing the season of Fall. The children have made self-portraits, family portraits, family flags, "All About Me" sheet, used foam dough to create their family and will create an "All About Me" book. We also have been working on a letter a week, with a word a day for that letter. The children are able to sound out the letter and see the written word for the day. Next month we will start with one child at a time to take a backpack home and fill it with things that begin with the letter for the week. This will give each child the opportunity to learn the letter and sound out things that might begin with that letter. This will also give them the opportunity to do some "homework" with all of you. We will send out more information closer to the time. Fridays are sharing day, please have your child bring something that they choose from home to share at our group time. Each child will have the opportunity to share what they brought in with the group. The children have been doing really good with their choice tags and moving their name from home to school each morning. We will be adding the sign-in sheets next week so each child can start signing in for the day. This allows the children to learn how to write their name, figure out how many letters are in their name and allows for them to sound out the letters in their name. Once they have learned how to write their first name really well, we will introduce their last name to them as well. The job chart began last week and will continue throughout the school year. The children are allowed to choose a job for the week and they will be responsible for that job. We also would like to incorporate more literacy in the classroom and would love for each child to bring in their favorite book(s) when they want to. We also want to encourage any parent to come in and read a story to the class. Our outside time in the morning will continue as long as the weather permits. We are going to take more walks in our community as well as go to other parks in the mornings. This will allow the children to do more walking field trips and learn about the community around us. We are off to a great start and looking forward to our spirit week next week.

As always, please feel free to see one of us for any concerns or questions you may have. We want to make this school year fun for each child and have them excited about learning. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's education.

Sincerely, The Blue Room Teachers (Belinda, Lori, Alexis and Kendel)