

The *Third* Twelve Weeks

Dear Families,

In an effort to keep you informed about your child's classroom activities during the third twelve weeks of school, the following is a list of concepts that will be introduced.

- ♥ Identify upper and lower case letters.
- ♥ Understand what periods and question marks mean.
- ♥ Recognize words that name action.
- ♥ Recognize the characters, setting and main events in a story.
- ♥ Make inferences from a story such as cause and effect.
- ♥ Engage in simple role playing experiences.
- ♥ Attempt to write simple messages using creative spelling.
- ♥ Begin to name "how many" in a group up to 3 without counting.
- ♥ Reproduce simple patterns.
- ♥ Begin to make size comparisons.
- ♥ Begin to describe information on a graph.
- ♥ Describe the life cycle of a living thing.
- ♥ Understand evaporation and condensation.
- ♥ Become aware of what it means to be a consumer (needs vs wants).
- ♥ Work with a partner to complete an activity.
- ♥ Identify features of the local landscape (bodies of water, trees, etc.).



Please discuss these concepts with your student and practice at home by reading at least 20 minutes each day with your child, then discuss what was read. When you are reading aloud point out high frequency words such as "a", "and" "the". Use the words "how many" with your child. Use puzzles with increasing numbers of pieces. Let your child compare sizes of objects found in your home. Talk about what makes you a consumer when you go to the store. Ask your child about his/her favorite activity in school.

Books related to units of study to read at home are:

<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle	<i>Vegetable Garden</i> by D. Florian
<i>Chickens Aren't the Only Ones</i> by Ruth Heller	<i>A House Is A House for Me</i> by Mary Ann Hoberman
<i>Ask Mr. Bear</i> by M. Flack	<i>Goodnight Moon</i> by Brown, M. W.
<i>Caps for Sale</i> by Slobodkina, E.	<i>Sheep in a Jeep</i> by Shaw, N.
<i>The Rain Puddle</i> by Adelaide Holl	<i>The Empty Pot</i> by Demi
<i>The Big Seed</i> by Ellen Howard	<i>This Year's Garden</i> by Cynthia Rylant
<i>If You Give A Mouse a Cookie</i> by Laura J. Numeroff	<i>If You Give A Pig A Pancake</i> by Laura J. Numeroff
<i>If You Give A Moose A Muffin</i> by Laura J. Numeroff	<i>Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers</i> by Laura J. Numeroff
<i>If You Take a Mouse to the Movies</i> by Laura J. Numeroff	

Read your child's favorite books.
Your Child's Pre-Kindergarten Teacher.