



NORTHSIDE PRESCHOOL
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Let's Focus On

READING TO YOUR CHILD

One of the greatest gifts parents can give their children is the love of reading. You can begin by making sure that your home offers many opportunities to develop reading skills. Keep lots of reading materials handy. Model how important reading is to you. Let them see you reading books, newspapers, magazines, cook-books, letters, emails, etc. Talk about what family members are reading. Remember, they want to be just like you! You are the most important person in their world and they love to have your attention. Establish a regular time or reading to your child. Make it special without the distraction of others talking or the television in the background. Your interest and enthusiasm will motivate your child to be a reader. and develop a life-long love of reading.



Principal Wright's Corner

The weather is getting cooler and the leaves on the trees are changing colors. Guess what else is changing? Your children!! They are growing and learning every day. Teachers have completed their Pre-K PALS literacy assessments and many parents have or are in the process of meeting with your child's teacher to see what they are learning. If you have not had a chance to talk with your child's teacher, please contact the school.

Please make sure that your child comes to school everyday with a mask.
Thank you.

**EXTRA! EXTRA!
READ ALL ABOUT IT!**



- **No School**
November 24-26, 2021
- **Virtual Read Aloud Night**
December 8th @6pm



Believe it or not, children do not misbehave just to make their parent's lives miserable! There is a reason for their misbehavior. Behavior is communication. Young children frequently do not have the vocabulary or the language development to explain what they are feeling or why they are upset. Instead they act out those feelings. When a child misbehaves, the first step is to try to determine why your child is acting that way. Is your child tired, hungry, stressed, overwhelmed, scared, or hurt? Next, you as the parent needs to assess your own situation. Are you tired, hungry, stressed, overwhelmed, scared, or hurt? Children pick up on their parent's emotions and feelings. Understanding what else is going on with your child and with you can help determine how to handle a behavior problem.

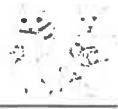
If your child has temper tantrums when not having their way, help them to practice using words to express their feelings of not getting their way. When your child can tell you what is upsetting them, then it is easier for them to listen to you when you explain why they cannot do what they wants to do right now, but can choose another activity or wait for a better time to do what they wants to do. Using appropriate words to express feelings and emotions is powerful both for you and your child.



The Tools of the Mind Connection

A newsletter connecting home and school environments

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WHAT AM I READING?

- Tabby Tiger's Treats
- Pete the Cat's; Pete's Big Lunch
- Eating the Alphabet

The Grocery Store theme was a fun way to practice our language, math, and literacy skills. We were having fun coming up with scenarios and problems for the cashiers, clerks and customers! Our first theme of Family was such a big success! We loved pretending we were mommy, daddy, and baby! However, we are changing themes! Our new theme, "Restaurant" will keep some of these roles and be able to try out some new ones like "waiter/waitress", "customer", and "chef/cook".

We will begin an activity in our small group Science block that will continue all year called "Science Eyes". The purpose for the activity is to increase the children's ability to attend to small details while observing. It also focuses on building various descriptive vocabulary words such as color words, texture words, shapes, and positional vocabulary.

Our "Science Eyes" in the next few months will focus on collections of materials for children to practice observing similarities and differences.

WHAT AM I DOING IN PLAY?



Theme: Restaurant
Roles I can be: Waiter/waitress, chef/cook, customer, Mom, Dad, Brother, Sister

What's happening in my centers:
 Taking a customer's order
 Preparing food
 Seating people at a restaurant
 Paying for my bill

I am practicing my reading/writing and math by:
 Counting money to pay a bill
 Following a recipe to make a dish
 Writing up an order

Nursery Rhyme to Practice

"The Muffin Man"

"Oh, do" you know the muffin man,
 The muffin man, the muffin man,
 Do you know the muffin man,
 Who lives in Drury Lane.

"Oh, yes", I know the muffin man,
 The muffin man, the muffin man,
 Yes, I know the muffin man,
 Who lives in Drury Lane.

EXTENSIONS AT HOME:

- Draw a picture of a time you went out to eat – what did you order? Who were you with?
- Set the table for someone at your house then take their order.
- Read a book we have on the reading list, read your play plan to someone or teach someone the nursery rhyme!



NEED YOUR HELP!! These are items you can collect at home to help your child explore and observe similarities and differences. Examples: buttons, coins, fabric pieces, leaves, acorns, pinecones, stamps, colorful napkins, etc.