

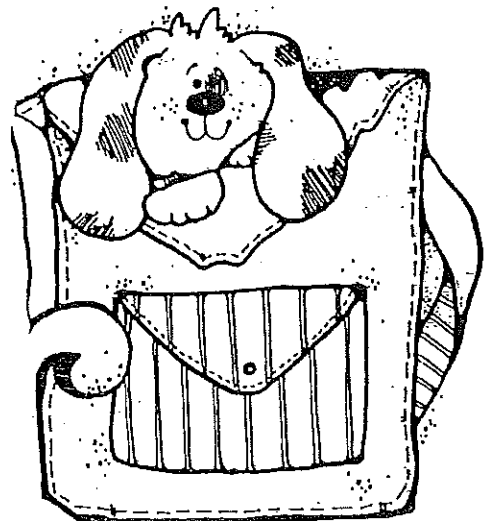


Things that we did the week of September 5

- * We began our "All About Me" theme which emphasized the importance of everyone being special in his or her own way. We read a book called Mommy Doesn't Know My Name which reminds us how special we feel when our family sometimes calls us cute nicknames and Elmer which teaches us the differences among people.
- * We made several **class books** that will be shared throughout the month.
- * We **danced** to new songs called "Tony Chestnut", "Peanut Butter", and "The Freeze".
- * We learned many, many new **routines** and **rules** about being in school.
- * We practiced tracing/drawing **circles** and doing fun circle activities. We have to remember to always start our circles from the top!
- * The letter **Mm** was introduced along with its signs and sound. We did great learning how to trace and write **Mm**! It was a lot of fun guessing what was inside Mrs. Schaefer's Secret **Mm** Box too! We did our **Mm** page for our ABC book that will be sent home at the end of the year. We had lots of fun playing **Musical** instruments in our very own **Marching band**! We even got to paint a **Monster** using **Marshmallows**! Ask me to sing the "5 Little **Monkey**"s rhyme...It's sooo silly! Coloring **Masks** was fun and we brought some really neat things in for our **Mm** Sharing Day too! AND... we had extra fun making circles and sorting our colors using **M&M's** YUMMY!!!
- * We practiced for the first time some line **cutting** and even got to cut out our first circle (a soccer ball)! Mrs. Schaefer is very impressed with our scissor skills this early in the year.
- * The numbers **0** and **1** were introduced and we practiced tracing and writing them. We also did our first page for our Number Thumbprint book that will be sent home at the end of the year.
- * This month we're talking about the color **RED** and next week begins our **APPLE** unit. Many fun activities are planned!

OUR PROJECTS

Watercolor schoolhouse
Self portrait drawing
2 Class books
LuLu the Pig
Marshmallow Monster
Mm ABC page



SPECIAL NOTES

PLEASE RETURN any Volunteer Sign Up, Immunization forms, or any papers for the office that still may be at home. If you have a doctor appointment scheduled please send a note letting us know, so reminder forms do not have to be sent home. **THANK YOU!**

If your 4K child is responsible for the **Thursday Envelope** please sign, date, and return the envelope each week. Reading the information online is an option as well if you'd rather not have a paper copy!

The off ice would ^{like} me to remind you to pay your **Milk Fee \$0.30 each** and **School Fee \$30.00** as soon as possible. Thank you!

The **PARENT HELPER** schedule will be sent home soon. (I wanted to give parents time to return the volunteer form first before I made the schedule.)

GYM SHOES: 4K does NOT have to keep an extra pair of gym shoes at school all year. (You can if you want, but please send a note stating you would like them to be kept at school.) We do encourage that on scheduled GYM days (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) your child comes to school wearing gym shoes for that day because it does take time to change shoes...

Each Wednesday (AM class) and Monday (PM class) we have Library with Mrs. Duernberger. The children are allowed to keep their chosen **LIBRARY BOOK** for the entire week if you'd like. They do not have to be returned until the following Wednesday/Monday. If it is in their backpack before Wednesday/Monday, I'll assume you are finished with it and take it out of their backpacks. Mrs. Duernberger will also supply each child with a plastic bag for their book. She would like the bag returned each week with the book as well.

If you haven't sent in your large bag of pretzels, cereal, crackers, etc. to share with the class for everyday **SNACK** please do so as soon as possible. **THANK YOU** to everyone who sent in snacks already!

THANK YOU ALL as well for sending in the "ME" bags and "ME" information sheets that I requested to be brought back to school. We've had a lot of fun sharing and learning more about each other!

Your 4 year olds are adjusting quite well and they made it through their first 6 days! I'm very proud of them all for being so brave!!!

There has been so much information for a 4-year-old to absorb these first few days of school. I've been very impressed with the listening and following direction skills that they've shown so far.

Other teachers have noticed as well!

Needless to say, your children are doing **FANTASTIC!!!**

We did it - our first **BIG (4 day) WEEK** of school – Hooray!!!

Have a SUPER weekend everyone!