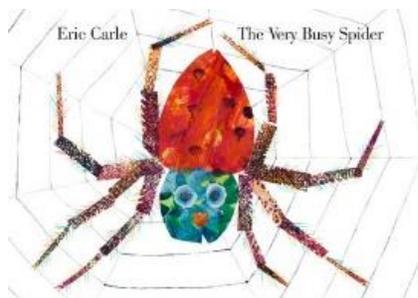




October 2018

BOOK OF THE MONTH: The Very Busy Spider By Eric Carle

The Very Busy Spider is a perfect book to get our students excited for our field trip to visit the farm and pumpkin patch! This story is about various farm animals trying to persuade a busy little spider to stop spinning her web so that they can play. The spider's web is textured and raised on each page so the students can feel the web as it continues to grow throughout the story. When reading this story we will practice many early literacy skills including story retelling, sequencing, and predicting. We will also practice answering "wh" questions.



Fine Motor FUN!

Units 2 & 3: Interlocking Toys & Pegs

We finished our unit on Construction with Blocks and headed into Interlocking Toys at the end of September. This unit will continue through mid-October when we will switch to Pegs. While playing with interlocking toys and pegs, the students will be working on bilateral motor coordination, building up the muscles of their hands and further developing pincer grasp. They will be building spatial awareness and develop problem solving on how pieces fit together. They will also be developing hand-eye coordination, motor planning and grading of fine motor movements. At home:

- Encourage your child to use the index, middle and thumb fingers to hold toys. Move on to smaller pieces to work on finger dexterity and precision.
- Make sure that your child is using hand strength to interlock pieces, rather than the table or their stomach for support.
- Ask your child to copy a design that you have made.
- Play with these toys while on their bellies or in tall kneeling to build core strength. Have them reach for pieces outside of their base of support to work on crossing midline and balance.



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Important Dates:

Friday, Oct. 5 – No School

Monday, Oct. 8 – No School

Thursday, Oct. 18 – Field Trip for the Morning Classes – NO SCHOOL for the Afternoon classes

Friday, Oct. 19 - Field Trip for the Afternoon Classes – NO SCHOOL for the Morning classes

Friday, Oct. 26 – Early Dismissal

Morning Class attends 9:15-11:30

No School for Afternoon Class

Wednesday, Oct. 31 – Halloween Parties

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As the
Occupational
Therapist, I
support the

teachers in ways to build not only your child's fine motor and sensory motor skills, but also self-help skills. At school, we are encouraging the students to open and unpack backpacks, open snack containers, push down and pull up pants for toileting and even take off/put on shoes for fun activities. Encouraging students to participate in self-help skills gives them opportunities to become more independent, but also gives them a chance to build hand strength, bilateral motor coordination, balance and the ability to follow steps of a routine. When a student masters a skill, they look and feel proud! Feel free to share success stories with us when your child masters a self-care skill.

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DONATIONS:

We had so much fun singing and dancing with Miss Carole! We are looking to build our collection of balloon balls. These balloon covers are a safe way to build motor and movement skills while singing rhymes and practicing listening skills. If you would like to donate a balloon ball to our preschool program, you can purchase them at

bearpawcreek.com

You will get 10% off of your order with the coupon code: MacSoup .



Read, read, read. It's never too early to read to your child (even babies). One good predictor of future reading success is the amount of time parents spend reading with their child. Parents can start with simple board books and graduate to picture books and longer stories as their child gets older. Story times at the local library or bookstore can also help a preschooler develop a love of books. Reading helps develop vocabulary, imagination, and attending. We challenge our children at school to "paint pictures" in their mind of the story and share their "pictures" with classmates. This aids in comprehension.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

You will be receiving information on our field trip to Konows Pumpkin Farm and our Halloween party soon! After you receive the information, please let us know if you have any questions.



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