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The big event on Sunday, September 27th, gave us \$1593 for the scholarship fund thanks to Tanya and all the people who helped and those who came and spent money. Hopefully we will get started with plans for the next one starting in January. Start writing down your ideas and be ready to meet with Tanya and start planning early this year.

Thanks to everyone!!!!

Week THREE Themes: October 5-9, 2015

- COLOR: BLUE - please have your child wear as much BLUE as possible.
- LETTER: "F", as in FISH, FROG, FOIL, FUNNY FACE, FRIDAY. This is for Pre-K.
 - We use only the capital letters at Play School as a part of the Handwriting without tears program.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Community Helpers and Health and safety, doctors, nurses,
- On Wednesday, Mrs. Zweers will be making Blue Berry Pancakes with the class.
- Miss Filey is letting the TTh class play in blue water with lots of fun blue things. The MWF class is drawing and dictating all about what happens when they get sick. Great stories!!!
- Mrs. Zweers is working on the movement inventories with all the children. This will go on all year. Turning a somersault and skipping are important to us. This is something you can work on at home if they are difficult for your child

Week FOUR Themes: October 12-16, 2015

- COLOR: RED - please have your child wear as much RED as possible.
- LETTER: "E", as in elephant, Elmo, Elmer. This is for Pre-K.
 - We use only the capital letters at Play School as a part of the Handwriting without tears program.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Fire Fighters
- On Wednesday, Mrs. Zweers will be making applesauce with the class. She needs lots of apples so that each child can use the peeler/corer on an apple. One of my favorite activities for the kids. All colors of apples are welcome. Thanks for the help.
- The Felton Fire Department will be bringing a fire truck and fire fighters to school on Friday. Along with getting to squirt the hose, all the children get to try on the pants and coats. Lots of fun!!!

Week FIVE Themes: October 19-23, 2015

- COLOR: GREEN - please have your child wear as much as possible.
- LETTER: "H", as in hand, house, heart.
 - We use only the capital letters at Play School as a part of the Handwriting without tears program.
- TO STUDY AND PLAY: Ocean, fish, tide pools.....

Birthdays: Here is the list dates of the birthdays that I plan to give each child a crown, so that only one child (if possible) can be the birthday person each day.

Jake, Oct. 22: Hannah, Oct. 27: Cash, Nov.12: Nicene, Nov. 19: Gwyn, Dec. 3: Jack, Dec. 7: Ema, Dec. 8: Carson, Dec. 9: Leanna, Dec.11: Jamison, Dec. 14.

I have posted these dates on the big calendar on the website (<http://mounthermon.org/playschool#calendar>). If the day that I picked is not good for you, please let me know and we can work out something else with a day that will work better for you. You may bring a treat to celebrate the birthday crown day. We suggest small, non gooey treats are great. Jello jigglers, pop corn, small cookies and cupcakes, small pieces of fruit, rice crispy treats are great!!! These are just some ideas. Remember that we are peanut free (really the only seed/nut we have at school this year is sunflower). **On MWF If you want Eliana** to eat what you bring, call her MOM, Janelle at 408.710.1290

About FOOD ALLERGYIES: No food can come to school with peanuts. If your child has a food allergy, please see Kahleen this week, so we can be sure our lists are up-to-date. Please provide a birthday treat for your child to be kept at school for any celebrations.

Helpful tips for success at school:

1. BATHROOM: The children are trying to go to the bathroom on their own, but when there are snaps and zippers, or even really tight fitting elastic in the waste of the pants, it is impossible for them to complete this task alone.
2. SHOES: Open shoes allow the sand to get in too easily, and there was some frustration today when the sand just would not stay out. If you have shoes that the child can take off and put on by themselves that is the best for school. Yes, I know, some of those come with all the holes for the sand to get in. Oh well, just think about it. Long shoe laces can get caught in the wheels of the trikes. Velcro and elastic can usually work, but we will help them when needed.

Mrs. Zweers wood projects: (The boards have been promised, but I think we still need some painted) One very special craft and learning activity that we do at school is hammering with real nails and hammers. In order to do this, we need LOTS of 6 inch pine shelving cut in 8inch sections, with the edges sanded so the children don't get splinters. We then need some of them painted and we have the paint. We use these boards with both classes so we figure that we need about 200, 8" x 6" boards. If you are interested, you can just get the boards, cut them and bring them to us. If you want to help with the painting, we buy the water base, glossy, out door paint, in the primary colors from the hardware store. If you are able to do the work, but do not have money for the materials, let me (Kahleen) know. Thanks for any help.

Leaves: As we slide into the Fall, keep an eye out for leaves that are falling off trees in big piles. We love to have big piles of leaves for the children to play in, so we are asking that you bag leaves and bring them to school. Since they will be rolling in the leaves, please do NOT include oak leaves or any other that have sharp pokies on them. Thanks so much!!!

Blessings to all,
Kahleen Edeal, Monica Zweers, Brigette Ross, Kate Wadhams and Faith Filey