



Culpeper UMC Preschool



Learning, Growing and Loving Through Jesus

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Dear Parents,

Fall has officially arrived, and preschool is in full swing. Many of our K4 students are in a school situation for the first time. We have spent the first few weeks helping each student settle into school, and everyone is doing wonderfully. We are seeing the children adjusting to the daily routine and new friendships growing.

Our first couple weeks, we covered shapes, colors, and recognizing their name. We have enjoyed lots of stories, singing and games together.

Did you know letters live in houses? Listen for your child to mention it. Ask them to sing the vowel song for you. We have been working on short vowel sounds. In the next few weeks, we'll begin some of the consonant letters.

We've been working on number recognition and concepts of 1-5 and counting together to 10. In October, we'll count to 15 and learn number concepts and recognition through number 6. Some of our classroom highlights have been finger-painting and making applesauce in small groups. Every student helped chop the apples with plastic knives. Everyone enjoyed the scent of cinnamon, and almost everyone tasted the applesauce. Some even asked for seconds!

Learning to work, play and have fun together is just as important as our letters and numbers. We have opportunities each day to play and socialize. We are developing the skills of sharing and taking turns. A big challenge is to learn to listen when someone else is talking. We are working on taking turns speaking as well as taking turns with toys. We have nineteen very happy, excited and outspoken little people. They make me smile and laugh each day. Please feel free to call me anytime to discuss your child's progress or adjustments. Every one of them is precious.

Sincerely,

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