



Demarest Co-op News

September 2017



A Message from the President

September always flies by as everyone shifts from laid back "summer mode" into a more routine "school mode." Students transitioned into the new school year smoothly and are off to a great start! Thank you to everyone that came out for back to school night. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions throughout the school year.

I am usually pretty accessible during the school day!
(christina.binaghi@gmail.com or call/text 201-988-6563)

Christina :-)

Reminders

We DO have school on Columbus Day!

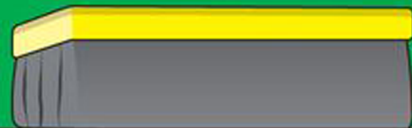
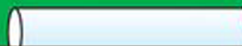
Field Trip details will be sent out soon (3s & 4s only).

Check your co-op calendar regularly for upcoming events.

Tis' the season for head lice.
Please check your pre-schooler & their older siblings regularly
to reduce the risk of spreading this pesky pest!

Monday, October 16th:
October Tuition Payment Due

Saturday, October 21st:
Co-op Garage Sale



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Miss Christine's Class

The 2's are adjusting well to school! They love coming into the classroom and finding their photos over their hooks, hanging up their bags and moving to the check-in board to "put themselves in school." I am amazed how quickly they catch on to the classroom routine and how they are so excited to come to school each day.

Each child decorated their own placemat for snack time. Each placemat has their photo so they can find their place at the table for snack. Singing our snack song, eating our snack, and listening to the story is a highlight of the day! *Pete the Cat* is a favorite!

The children are little artists, both painting on the easel and using their hands. This group loves to paint with their hands! Since I am the "Handprint Queen" this makes me happy!

Elmo hid in our "surprise bag" for circle time and the children loved singing and dancing with him. The "5 Little Ducks" song is a favorite to sing at circle along with our getting to know each other songs.

We are so proud that the children are doing such a great job walking out to the playground holding the rainbow rope! We observe the animals and birds, listen for the train, look for airplanes, and sing songs on our walk. We are off to a great start!

~ Miss Christine



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Miss Lisa's Class

What a great first month! We are having so much fun getting to know each other by bringing in the "Sharing Bucket." We still have a few friends to go but it has been a highlight of our day. We worked hard decorating our frames so that we could look through them to see our new friends. We love singing "I'm Looking through My Window" as well as "How Much Is That Doggie in the Window?" We have a new white puppy (puppet) in our classroom, and we named him Snowflake. He is very friendly, and he helped to teach us about the letter "S." He likes to make us guess items he has in his box that start with the letter "S." Another important "S" word we are learning about is "Sharing." This can be a challenge for some 3's so we have been reading books like *Llama Llama Time to Share*, and *I Can Share*. And we love to sing the "Sharing Is Caring" Song." We talked about how grown up we are now that we are 3 or 4, and we explored the differences between ourselves and babies. For example, "when I was a baby, I drank from a bottle and now I drink from a cup."

We are so glad to finally have our school bags finished so we can bring them every day to carry our art or projects home in. Even if your child brings a backpack to school, please send his/her bag in as well because their art can get squished in the backpack. Also, please remember to send in a warmer change of clothes if you sent in shorts, etc. in September.

We have been having a lot of fun on the playground each day. Some of our friends are learning to ride a tricycle for the first time. (Little do they know that they are working on their gross motor skills when they are running & pedaling on the playground.) We have been learning to look both ways when we cross the parking lot, and we love singing the "Donkey Song" as we walk in. Please feel free to email or call me if you ever have any questions or concerns. Remember... we have an "open-door policy."

~ Miss Lisa



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Miss Laurie's Class

I can't believe that September is over! Before we know it, the holiday season will be here. All my little friends have adjusted beautifully to school. It is amazing how independent they have become in such a short time.

We started the first week of school learning about our classroom routine and Miss Laurie's rules. We reacquainted ourselves with old friends and enjoyed meeting new friends. September's themes included friends and family. Our favorite story about friends was called *The Magic Friend Maker*. We painted a special magic friendship rock and spent time learning about the ways to be a good friend to others. We talked about words such as kindness, respect, and caring. Our special friendship song was called "I Care and So Do You." Next, we learned about families and their differences... another "F" word. We practiced the sound that F makes and we learned to write the letter F! Our favorite stories about families were *The Napping House* and *The Three Bears*. These stories were fun to read and retell using the flannel board and different props. We will end the family unit by making a family tree with the pictures you sent in followed by the letter H for house. We will talk about where we live, (our address) and build our own house using the letter H. We will learn many new vocabulary words including, architect, excavation, foundation, mason, roofer, carpenter, electrician, plumber, and painter from the book *The House That Biff Built*.

All of us are enjoying music every Tuesday with Miss Lisa. As always, she makes music so much fun! Our first science class with Mrs. Wonderwhy is October 4th.

Our classroom is filled with many different activities to do each and every day. We are very busy! Along with our morning meeting and various centers, we spend time on kindergarten readiness skills. We work each day on letter recognition, letter sounds, and math concepts. We also spend a lot of time cutting and writing. Please feel free to encourage your child to practice these skills. When writing, they have learned to "pinch" the crayon or marker. Their grips are very important. We will learn the song "Where Do You Start Your Letters" which helps to remind them how to form each upper case letter.

We are all looking forward to a fun and exciting school year with your child!

- Miss Laurie