

We have had a great first week in Ms. Wawner and Ms. Penaredondo's class! We are slowly mastering our morning routine, which entails greeting our teachers, putting our things away, and answering the question of the day.

During morning meeting, we do our morning stretches and practice kindly saying hello to each other so we remember names. This week our focus has been talking about the rules of our classroom and practicing our daily routines. The rules of our classroom are taking care of ourselves, taking care of each other, taking care of our school, and taking care of our world.

In Literacy, we have been reading a lot of stories and talking about what we think they mean. Many of our stories have focused on going to school ("How Do Dinosaurs Go to School" or Pete the Cat Rocking in my School Shoes") and how to be kind. Ask your student about how they can fill people's buckets! We are introducing letters and helping students identify their name and begin to spell it.

In Math, we reviewed our colors and our shapes. We talked about how many sides and corners each shape has, and have worked on sorting shapes and identifying them around the classroom and in the world.

We have listened to stories about how God made us special and talked about how each one of us is unique! Students had the opportunity to color themselves and talk about their favorite things.

Next week, we will learn more about each other and what makes us unique. I am sending home a brown paper bag with your kiddos. Please help them put two things in the bag that tells us more about them. These items can be pictures, small toys or figurines, etc. We will share during morning meeting throughout the week.

We will also talk about emotions, how it's okay to be happy, frustrated, or sad and how these emotions will pass. We will also talk about things we can do that can help us if we are feeling certain feelings.

In Literacy, we will continue to work on our names and if possible, introduce the first letter we will work on in the alphabet: S. In Math, we will start with our numbers, introducing the concept of zero and working our way up to 10.

Important happenings in the next few weeks include Back to School Night on September 7th. Please remember we do not have school on Labor Day.

Thank you for sharing your children with us! We are having a great time learning and laughing together.

Cheers,
Virginia Wawner and Aimee Penaredondo