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September Buzz from the Bumblebees

Welcome back to school! The older children are showing great leadership qualities by taking our newest children by the hand and helping show them lessons and choosing work with them. Even the children that were first year students just last year are taking pride in being the “older kid” and showing the new kiddos around.

Our classroom has been working very hard at listening and following directions. Even our older children need reminders. We have to be able to listen in order to keep ourselves and each other safe. Some things you can do at home to help your child work on their listening skills are games like telephone, telling your child to bring you two things from another room (you can make it into a game), ask your child to repeat back to you what you said, and the most important: using fewer reminders.

I know a lot of children and parents have been asking but unfortunately, we are not ready to start sharing yet. Our group time is only lasting about 5-10 minutes. That's hardly enough time to get through the songs and stories and group lessons that I like to do in group. I will let you know when we are ready and, in the meantime, you can practice at home having your child sit with you while reading a story or playing a game or singing songs. I do not expect all children to come to group all the time, nor do I expect children to sit long. However, sitting for a few minutes and listening are very important skills that need to be learned and practiced.

Montessori is also very big on independence. Your child is working on eating snacks and lunch and using utensils all on their own, carrying their own backpacks and lunch boxes, carrying their work from the shelf to a table and back, picking up after themselves, putting on their coat and shoes when heading outside, changing their shirt or pants when needed, and being able to

help their friends that need assistance. Try letting them do these things at home too!

Fall conferences are on Friday, October 11th. There is no school this day but there is childcare available during your conference time. Please RSVP if you need childcare so that we have enough staff here. Coming up is our Run for the Arts event on October 8th- make sure your kiddos wear good shoes for running and know that they could possibly get wet if the grass is wet from the rain! We will also have a Halloween party towards the end of the month. Children will trick or treat for prizes (no candy at school) and we get to wear pajamas! Info will be sent out soon.

The fastest way to get ahold of me is through the Remind App. If your child will be dropped off late or picked up late, or absent, please let me know. If your question or comment is longer than a few sentences, email may be better and you can email the school email address and I will respond within three days or you can use my personal email and I will respond within 24 hours: Jessica.huynh2005@yahoo.com If I am sick or off for a day, I will respond when I am back to work.

Here are some things the children have been working on:

The children have been very interested in numbers and counting lately. **Owen, Mackenzie** and **Bennett** have been working with the hundred board,

Leia, Kahlil and **James** had the intro to golden beads lesson. We learn about place value and how ten units make ten and ten, tens make a hundred square.

We have been working on using and refining our senses. For auditory, **Phoebe** and **Levi** have been grading the sound cylinders from softest to loudest.

The Sound Bingo lesson is another big hit. The children hear the sound and identify the letter symbol. **Emma, Richard, Sky** and **Findlay** have been enjoying this game and taking it out often and inviting other friends to join them.

Ashley, Abbie and **Nehemiah** have really taken to the Practical Life area. They stay busy practicing pouring, spooning, food prep, and stringing.

We had to say goodbye to our guinea pig, Cinnamon, due to some allergies. We still have Pongo, our frog, and will be getting some fish next week!



Levi, Kahlil, Abbie



Sky, Emma, Phoebe



James and the teen beads



Leia doing addition



Nehemiah and Levi coloring



Owen and the Decanomial Square



Ashley sock matching



Findlay stacking blocks



Bennett and Nehemiah matching opposites



Richard and Emma with the farm

Please, please remember that our room is a nut free and egg free classroom due to severe allergies!