

LEAPING LEARNERS

CENTERVILLE BAPTIST PRE-SCHOOL 2 DAY 2'S

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We have had a wonderful first two weeks of school! They are already beginning to settle in to the routines of preschool. I know that it may be hard for some of you to leave while your children are crying, but rest assured, they are not crying for long and they are participating in most of our activities and are having a good time at their school. They are beginning to make friends and are learning who each other is. Most have not said another friends name yet, but they do know some of their names. This becomes apparent when we sing, "Where is, _____?" (we fill in the blank with their names) Some of them are beginning to point to the right friend. We have also been working on the beginning stages of writing and learning about circles. And I must tell you that they were all very excited when we pulled out the gluesticks and they got to glue their torn paper and make a beautiful piece of art. They had a hard time waiting their turn for that one!! I love their enthusiasm.



SEPTEMBER 19 AND 26, 2011

Over the next two weeks our Theme Unit will be Our Five Senses. The purpose of this unit is to help the children become aware that God gave them five senses and with those senses they can see, taste, touch, hear and smell the world around them. By using all of our senses, we can explore shapes, numbers, sizes, textures, and so many other academic areas. This will be a very exciting unit for your children.

Some of our objectives will be:

- *God gave us eyes/seeing; ears/hearing; tongue/tasting; hands/feeling; nose/smell
- *Things we see come in different shapes, sizes and colors
- *Things feel differently
- *Things sound differently
- *Our senses help us learn about our world

Books: Some of the books we will have in our book center will be: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See; Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear; Five Little Ducks; My Two Hands, My Two Feet; What is Your Favorite Thing to Touch?; Look, Listen and Learn; Your Five Senses; and more.

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Of course, we will have several group time activities, songs and fingerplays that we will enjoy. We will have a "Surprise Bag" where we will have several familiar objects in a bag and the child will reach in and feel the object and then pull it out and see what it is. We will have a Sound CD where we will listen to different sounds and try and guess what the sounds are. The children love this activity. We will also have pairs of film canisters that have objects in them. The children will try and match the pairs by sound. We will have a day where we will be tasting, smelling and feeling fruit. (probably oranges) We will play games like what do certain animals say. (sense of hearing) We will sing Old MacDonald with this game. We are also planning on make a paper plate rhythm instrument. This will be a lot of fun for the children because after we make the instrument, we plan on having a marching band. We also have a Listen and Move CD where the song tells us how to move according to how the music plays.



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Blocks Center: We will be adding bristle blocks to our block center for this theme unit. They are very tactile and feel bumpy. We will have conversations with the children about how we use our hands and how the blocks feel. We will also be talking about how we use our eyes and can see the different colors of the blocks. Likewise, will talk with the children about how we can use our ears to hear the blocks as they make noise when they fall.

Art Center: During our Five Senses Theme Unit we will have opportunities for art projects as well. My favorite project will be where the children will make a face picture with different components that represent the five senses. There will be google eyes, cotton ball (with scented drops) for a nose, megaphone stickers for ears, etc...(I don't want to give it all away) We believe that they will really enjoy making this project and it will help them to remember their Five Senses. This project will be a great project for fine motor also. We will also be doing a puff painting project. This will be a very tactile project which involves the sense of smell, sight, and touch. They will love getting their fingers in on this one and you will enjoy seeing the finished product for sure!! Some art projects are planned out, like the ones mentioned above, others are when we give them a piece of paper and crayons and just let them go. Or maybe a piece of paper and markers and they show us what they can do. Sometimes it may be working with play-doe where they get their creative juices flowing. Whatever it may be, as long as they are being creative, it is art — and we celebrate it!!

Home Living: A lot of times in our home center the children just want to play. That is ok. They need this time to just have some fun. Ms. Mary and I try and make sure that our conversations with them are centered around our Theme Units. So, during this time as they are playing with the toy food, we will talk about what their favorite foods are and how they taste to them and also how they smell and even feel. We will talk about sweet and sour. When they are using the dress up clothes, we will talk about how the clothes feel against their skin. We will also talk about how they look. We will have a few unbreakable mirrors so that they will be able to themselves in. There will be so many opportunities to talk about our five senses with the children.

Bible Stories: During the week of September 16 our Bible our story will be, The Children Sang for Jesus. This is taken from when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey and everyone was so excited to see him. They all sang Hosanna to the Son of David. In the story we will talk about how you could hear the donkey feet go, "clippity clop" and see the palms waving and hear the children singing.

During the week of September 26 our story will be about the little boy who shared his lunch. This is when Jesus fed the 5000 people with just two loaves of bread and five fish. We will talk about how the little boy was kind and he shared his lunch with people he didn't know and how much that pleased Jesus. This story will concentrate on the sense of taste and smell.

Remember to check our class webpage often.

<http://www.centervillebaptistpreschool.com/Yolanda.html>