



Parent Corner:

"Start as You Mean to Go On!"

One of my favorite clichés whether in teaching or parenting is: "Start as You Mean to Go On!" It's the best favor you can do yourself, your child, or your student! Simply put, teach your child in the right way—the first time; so you don't have to change bad habits later. Let me give you a common example: Many parents are wonderful enough to begin teaching their children how to write their name before they are very old at all. The misfortune is that many of these parents unknowingly do their child a disservice by teaching them to write their name in all capital letters. This then creates a tough job for the teacher to undo this habit later in school. Be thinking of ways you can train your child to do things right the first time (especially when writing) as you work with your child at home. Some suggestions:

1. practice holding a pencil right
2. Begin writing numbers and letters from Top to Bottom not the other way around
3. Expose your child to many types of print (fonts) as you teach them to recognize letters of the alphabet.

Friendship

So from our family we turn our focus next to our friends! Since February is Valentines Day and we focus on "love" anyway..I thought it would be great to incorporate this into our class studies. We will be talking about our friends and how to be a good friend. We will also be focusing on service and doing service for others. Our "Service Attack" activity will begin right away and last all month. I hope you will help your child participate in this opportunity to learn to serve. Look for more information about it in your email.

This Month's Studies:

- ♥ Letters: Oo–Rr
- ♥ Numbers: 4–7
- ♥ Scissor Use
- ♥ Continue to work on name writing
- ♥ Character Development
- ♥ Service and Friendship
- ♥ Sitting quietly on Rug

Preschool Class News

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Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ February Birthdays: None
- ☺ February's Queen of the Month: Elena Rogers
- ☺ Book Orders Due: Feb. 16th-order online this month!
- ☺ Valentines Party: February 11th! There are 12 students in the class. I'll email out the list of names soon.
- ☺ In March we will be studying Community helpers and we're looking for someone related to you (or YOU!) that has a fun profession that can come share with the class! Contact me if you are interested.
- ☺ Any questions contact me at:
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