



Parent Corner:
"Sign Language and Letter Sounds"

If you have been in our classroom to volunteer or help out, you probably have noticed the sign language letters that I hang on the wall as we talk about the different letters of the alphabet. We have used sign language to help us not only associate the letter name with an action, but also to teach an association with the sound. I have seen great success with this in my classroom. It is amazing how it helps the students remember the letters as we repeatedly sign them in our transitions and other activities. Students who struggle with the visual sight of the letters can often remember the names and sounds better with the sign. For example: with the letter "D" we touch the sign to our lip (like eating a doughnut) to represent a sound that starts with D. We say the "D sound" as we sign it. It is pretty fun! In my studies at BYU, sign language was considered a great classroom tool to help in teaching letters. I have enjoyed using it in the classroom and thought you might like to know one of my tactics at teaching the letter sounds.

Health Update!

Quick update on the germs! We seem to have worked through some of the sickness in our class! Hooray! Although, we've not had a full class for over a month, I think we are getting back to health again. I just wanted to thank you and keep encouraging you to hold your children home if there is any sign of sickness. Please also be sure to take whatever precautions (flu shot, H1N1 shot) that you can to help eliminate the sickness this winter.

"Imagination"

Our theme for the month of October is "Imagination!" I'm so excited to teach these children how to explore the mind and where your mind can take you! We have some fun things planned for this month. We'll be going to the "Imagination Station" and learning to pretend. We will be honoring the imagination of Dr. Seuss and we will culminate with a puppet show section where the students will get to perform their own show for their other classmates. I'm looking forward to this months studies!

This Month's Studies:

- ♥ Letters: li-Kk
- ♥ Numbers: 8-10
- ♥ Shapes: square, circle, rectangle, triangle
- ♥ Imagination Station!
- ♥ Difference between pretend and what is real
- ♥ How to listen to your classmates when they are talking to teacher
- ♥ How to form in a line!

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Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ November Birthdays:
Ammon Anderson-8th,
Ryley Shupe-30th
- ☺ November's King of the Month: Ammon Anderson
- ☺ Thanks for all the wonderful ABC Treats in October!
- ☺ We are going to hold off on having our make-up preschool session. I think we'll see how the sickness plays out this winter and then focus on making up the days when I feel like we can all be there to enjoy it!
- ☺ Our Preschool Blog is wonderful! Thanks for all your posts. I still have all my Pumpkinland pictures. I'm going to post them in a web album for you to see since there are too many to put on the blog.
- ☺ Any questions contact me at:
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