



# WCA Preschool Times



September 18, 2023

The second week of school went just as smooth as I had hoped. We are all sliding into the daily routine nicely. Your children are a joy to work with and we have enjoyed watching their personalities blossom as they have become more comfortable! One of my favourite times of day is our lunch together. The conversations and giggles are wonderful. Last week we focused on our five senses and our families, immediate and extended. We painted our picture frames that will hang in our pretend play area. If you haven't yet, please send me a candid or professional picture of your child's family. This will bring your child's most important people in their world to our room. Our other area of focus, our senses, always sparks curiosity. The weather was beautiful and we took advantage of our outside time to point out the sounds we hear and things we see all around us. The class enjoyed painting with kitchen spices with the favorite being not a spice, but the various Jell-O smells! Many did not like the smells of the red pepper, sage and meat tenderizer. Everyone also had the opportunity to paint at the easel as classical instrumental music was playing in the background. The dew was rather heavy each morning after opening, so Mrs. Tran and I tweaked the schedule and did our outside time before lunch. The highlight of the week was the arrival of our monarch caterpillars! They are so tiny! I'm hopeful that with good care many of them will survive and we will release them as butterflies in several weeks. This week we will welcome a Teepee in pretend play as we turn our focus to basic human needs; food, water, shelter, clothing. We will gather various leaves from around campus to use them to leaf rub with crayons and white paper. I will begin working one-on-one with each student printing their name. Proper pencil holding will be a big part of this focus as well.

## Areas of Focus

*All About Me*  
Basic Human Needs  
Family



## Literacy and Language



- Name Printing Booklet
- Books: *The Little House*, *Let's Eat*, *Mama, Do You Love Me?*, *Too Many Toys*, *A Pig is Moving In*, *People in Place and Time*, *The Three Bears* felt board
- Alphabet Puzzle Picture Match

### *Focus Words*

brain \* temperature \* survive \* human

## Math, Science and Art

- \* Needs vs. Wants Categorizing
- \* Sequencing Cards
- \* Light Table Translucent blocks
- \* Tee Pee in Pretend Play
- \* Leaf Rubbing



## Important News

- ➔ **Wednesday** is pizza day for those that ordered last week. Please still send in snacks.
- ➔ Please, send in a family picture. If you would like you can also send it to my email and I can have it printed off. [angela.draper@wcak12.org](mailto:angela.draper@wcak12.org)
- ➔ **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** there is no school! Enjoy a family day at the fair!

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## Terms, Facts and Principles

A human being is a person. All humans start life as infants.

Basic needs are things that all human beings need to stay alive.

Water is a basic human need to drink to help us stay alive.

Food is a basic human need to eat to help us stay alive.

Shelter is a place to live and sleep that protects us from weather.

Humans live in different types of shelters all over the world.

Survive means to stay alive. We need food and water to survive.

Temperature is how hot or cold something is.

The brain is where we do our thinking.

All our senses are tied into our brain allowing us to experience the outside world.

We remember, have emotions, solve problems, worry about stuff, dream about the future, and control our bodies in our brain.

## Poem

### *Pease Porridge*

Pease Porridge hot,  
Pease Porridge Cold,  
Pease Porridge in the pot  
Nine days old.

Some like it hot,  
Some like it cold,  
Some like it in the pot  
Nine days old.



## Song

### *Are You Sleeping?*

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping,  
Brother John, Brother John?  
Morning bells are ringing,  
morning bells are ringing!  
Ding, Ding, Dong! Ding, Ding Dong!

