



WCA Preschool Times



September 25, 2023

Our mornings were rather chilly and heavy with dew last week. We flipped our morning schedule to accommodate outside time with the weather. Late morning playground time was warmer and much less damp on the equipment! Inside the class enjoyed the tepee, some new hands-on games and activities and working on printing their names. The class has been doing great at large group time! This time can sometimes get wiggly for some, but overall, it is going smoothly and their attention is on the lessons we are learning. This group, as a whole, is moving right along! This week, and moving forward, we will be focusing on name printing each day. Some already know how to spell their name. This is great! The fine motor skills needed for printing can be challenging at this age. You can help your child develop stronger hand muscles by letting them cut with child scissors, draw, explore play dough, wash dishes with you, and just about anything you can think of to encourage him/her to explore with their hands. On the reverse side you'll find an illustration and steps to the proper pencil hold. I am continually pointing out letters and their sounds to the class as we do various activities. As well as using proper descriptive words that we do not use in everyday language. Exposing the class to a wide range of language aids in building their literacy success when they begin reading. This week we are going to turn our focus to the fair and pets. I suspect there will be a lot of fair talk! It's an exciting time for children and adults alike! Last week we didn't get to the leaf rubbing activity so that is first on my lesson plans, as long as the weather cooperates and we can collect leaves. Our 18 monarch caterpillars are doing great and growing fast! It won't be long now until we see chrysalis!

Areas of Focus

The Fair
Caring for a
Pet/Animals



Literacy and Language



- "How to care for a pet!" transcribe instruction list.
- Books: *Barnyard Dance*, *Tractor Mac Parade's Best*, *Big Chickens*, *The Animals' Song*, *Big Red Barn*, *Doggone Dogs*
- Old McDonald had a Farm felt board

Focus Words

hooves * habitat * sense * mammals * observe

Math and Science

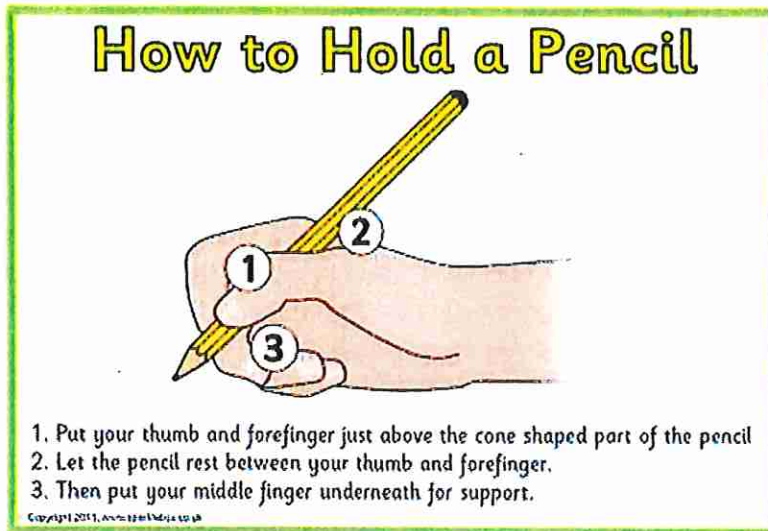
- * Pet Sort: Small, Medium, Large
- * Leaf Rubbing
- * Sensory Table Woodchips/Farm Animals
- * Primary Color Wheel Painting



Important News

➔ Fall is here in all its glorious colors and cooler mornings! Dressing in layers is a good idea. ☺
 We will always go outside unless it's raining, so please send a coat/sweatshirt for the mornings!

I will continue to work one-on-one with each student on proper pencil/marker hold while printing their name and coloring.



Song

BINGO

There was a farmer who had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-o.
B-I-N-G-O
B-I-N-G-O
B-I-N-G-O
And Bingo was his name-o.



Repeat this song over and over, each time replacing a new letter in Bingo's name with a clap, until you are clapping five times without saying any letters.