

YOUNG 5'S NEWSLETTER

SOMERSET ACADEMY

FEBRUARY 2018

IN THE CLASSROOM

During January we explored several new concepts including shapes, as well as force and movement. Class jobs and the Mystery Box were also introduced to help the children expand their responsibility and questioning skills.

In February, we will work on identifying feelings, especially those of others. Addition and estimation will also be introduced. The children will take part in planning a Valentine's Day celebration as a class, choosing the activities and preparing snack as we continue to build our classroom community. Our next field trip will also be taking place this month!

PARENT RESOURCE

Understanding emotions and the perspective of others is an important, yet challenging skill for young children. Regularly talking with your child about their own emotions models that feelings are valid and something to be understood and respected. Help them see that there can be a cause and effect relationship between their actions and other people's feelings (ex. if they grab a toy from another child, it can make that child feel sad or angry). Assist your child in noticing how others are feeling by observing actions, behaviors, body language, and facial cues. Children view you as a model, so set the example by practicing perspective taking and reflecting on emotions yourself.

OBJECTIVES

Social and Emotional

- Identify and describe a variety of feelings and moods in themselves and others
- Increase their capacity to take another's perspective

Math

- Use simple estimation to make guesses about amounts
- Create and solve simple addition problems using objects, pictures, and numbers

Language/Literacy

- Recognize, name, and write lowercase letters u, i, e, l, and k
- Begin to identify sight words: to, too, he, she, up, at
- Demonstrate an understanding of rhyming words

Social Studies

- Participate in creating their own classroom celebrations

Science

- Develop strategies for gathering information

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5 Lowercase letters u, i Sight words: to, too	6	7 Spanish	8	9
12 Lowercase letter e Sight words: he, she	13	14 Spanish Show and Tell	15 Parent Coffee 9:15am	16
19 No School (Mid-winter break)	20 No School (Mid-winter break)	21 Spanish	22	23
26 Lowercase letters l, k Sight words: up, at	27	28 Spanish		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Show and Tell** will be **Wednesday, February 14th**. Please help your child bring in a photo, drawing, or object representing something your family likes to do together.
- ❖ **A sign up will be posted on the Young 5's website for volunteers to help with our Valentine's Day celebration.**
- ❖ Young 5's along with Pre-K will be creating a **Kindness Tree**. **See attached sheet for more information.**
- ❖ There is **no school Monday, February 19th and Tuesday February 20th** for mid-winter break.