

YOUNG 5'S NEWSLETTER

SOMERSET ACADEMY

JANUARY 2018

IN THE CLASSROOM

We concluded 2017 with the introduction of several new concepts in Young 5's including sight words, lowercase letters, and money. The children also took part in Songfest and a community service project of their choice, collecting toys for children who are less fortunate which were donated to the organization Toys for Tots.

January brings a new year as well as a few additions to the classroom routine. The children will be assigned jobs, giving each child a task to be responsible for throughout the week. We will also begin a new project based on the children's interests.

PARENT RESOURCE

Many adults choose to help support a child's self-confidence through praise. This can unintentionally lead to children regularly expecting compliments or approval or lead them to feeling as though they did something wrong when praise is not the given response. Children's healthy self-confidence can be built by simply acknowledging what they did, asking them to tell you about it, or making objective observations. For example, if a child is seeking praise for something he/she drew, phrases like, "I noticed you used a lot of color", "Tell me about this part", and "what do you think of your picture?" allow children to reflect on what they did and make their own decision as to how they feel about it. This helps a child's confidence grow from within.

OBJECTIVES

Social Studies

- Take on responsibilities as a member of the classroom community

Math

- Name, describe, and draw 2D and 3D shapes
- Investigate results of combining, subdividing, and changing shapes

Science

- Build scientific knowledge related to movement and force

Language/Literacy

- Recognize, name, and write lowercase letters t, a, d, and g
- Begin to identify sight words: yes, no, we, see, go

Creative

- Become familiar with a variety of musical instruments
- Participate in finger plays and singing games

Cognitive

- Increase ability to ask appropriate questions

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School
8 Lowercase letter t Sight words: yes, no	9	10 Spanish	11	12
15 No School (MLK Day)	16	17 Spanish	18	19
22 Lowercase letters a and d Sight words: we, see	23	24 Spanish	25	26
29 Lowercase letter g Sight words: go	30	31 Show and Tell		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ There is **no school Monday, January 15th** for MLK Day.
- ❖ **Show and Tell** will be **Wednesday, January 31st**. Please help your child find something that is a 2D shape and something that is a 3D shape. They can be objects or photos.

