



SANTAN PRESCHOOL

MISS ELSIE'S HAPPENINGS

JULY 22, 2022



Classroom Happenings!

Welcome to Preschool. This will be an exciting year for you and your child. By staying involved in what your child is doing at school and by working on activities together, you can ensure that this will be a successful year for both of you. During the next few weeks, children will learn all about their new school and making new friends. We will focus on cooperation and getting along with others as the class is introduced to the routines and expectations of school. Some activities for next week include:

- Same and different colors
- Writing in salt/shaving cream
- Creating AB patterns
- Building schools with Legos

Important Dates/Reminders

- Thank you for a great first week. It's been fun getting to know you and your child 😊
- Thank you for having your child bring a water bottle every day to school (also put your child's name on it).
- Please send a **backpack** big enough to hold a regular size piece of paper. Also, the change of clothes will stay in the backpack at all times. If it comes home wet or soiled, please change out for clean ones. 😊
- My website is up. I may still have some information from last year up, but most will be changed. Here you will find all you want to know about Preschool, our monthly snack calendar, monthly events calendar, newsletters, lesson plans, etc.
- **Lesson Plans** will be posted on my web page weekly. Newsletters will be too, and I will also email those to you weekly. If you put two emails on the paperwork, I will send to both emails.
- I'm looking forward to a great year 😊

In the Classroom:

Miss Stacy and Miss Michelle will be the full-time assistants in the classroom. Please feel free to speak to them with any questions or concerns, as well as myself. If it is an IEP question, I will be the one to speak to, but they can take a message if I'm busy! We are in constant communication and are all working for the wellbeing of your children. We all look forward to working together in making this a great year! 😊

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What to look forward to next week:

Theme:

- ❖ Ready for School – My School
- ❖ Rainy Weather – Cloud Watchers
- ❖ Identifying objects as same or different
- ❖ Foundations: introduction

Ready for School: My School

Big Idea: I am getting to know my school.

Concepts: Going to school, riding the bus, the crossing guard, school helpers, my classroom, daily schedule and routines, manners and good behavior, on my own, all about me

Theme Vocabulary: class, name, school, teacher

Science:

Cloud Watchers: In *Cloud Watchers*, children learn that clouds are made up of water droplets. Children venture outdoors to notice similarities and differences among the many clouds in the sky. Some clouds are white, and others are gray; some clouds look puffy or resemble familiar objects. With a clipboard in one hand and a piece of chalk in the other, children observe and draw the clouds they see. Children also read the ECHOS book *What Falls from a Cloud?*

Math:

Same and Different: The process of identifying and describing attributes is centered on how objects, sounds, and so on are alike and not alike. For children to gain the numeracy necessary for future success, they must first be able to see the detail in objects and situations. Once they are knowledgeable of similarities and differences, they are then able to analyze their learning and engage in the critical reasoning skills necessary for success.

Visiting the Library

(If you enjoy taking your child to the public library, this is a list of books related to our week of study! 😊)

- *A Color of His Own* by Leo Lionni
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Bill Martin Jr.
- *Elmer* by David McKee
- *The Cloud Book* by Tomie de Paola
- *What Falls from a Cloud?* By Krista Kaiser
- *Mom, the School Flooded* by Ken Rivard
- *Wow! School!* By Robert Neubecker
- *Hurry Up and Slow Down* by Layn Marlow

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