



Mountain Lion Cub News - October



We Live in a Community

The Preschool students have been learning all about communities. This unit has been a great opportunity for the students to learn that they are a part of a larger world. Students had fun learning about many of the important jobs that people do in their community and how these jobs make everyone's lives better. One of their favorite ways to experience this concept was to dress up and pretend to work in their dramatic play center. At any given time there could be a



Room on the Broom

Our Pre-Kindergarteners experienced a fun way to reinforce social emotional skills through literacy and art! After hearing the friendship story *Room on the Broom*, the students created a broom out of a variety of craft materials. They decided on several friends and family members that they knew they could count on if they needed help to ride on their broom with them. They created each person out of repurposed marker lids and attached them all to their

hairdresser, firefighter, train conductor, restaurant server, police officer and others busily doing their jobs.

broom. Finally, they wrote a story of their own about their broom adventure with friends.



Literacy Skills

Since most preschoolers are not ready to actually read entire books on their own, the focus is exposure to books and early “pre-literacy” concepts, including:

1. Understanding that words are read from left to right and top to bottom.
2. Orienting books to be right-side up and beginning to read on the front cover.
3. Recognizing and producing rhyming words.
4. Blending and segmenting syllables and sounds to form words.
5. Identifying the first and last sounds in spoken words.
6. Recognizing and naming letters, especially letters in their name.
7. Recognizing the sounds associated with letters.

Reading books with your child at home is an easy way to help give your child the skills that he/she will need to become a successful reader.



Behavior Support for Families

We know that all families experience challenging behaviors at one time or another. Click on the link below to find a helpful resource for parents called The Backpack Connection Series. You will find a variety of short, easy to understand articles, each covering a different challenging behavior that commonly occur in preschool children. These articles are available in many languages and contain guidance for families with actionable steps that parents can take to help reduce or eliminate a particular behavior.

<http://bit.ly/3SDGVIG>

Lighting the Way for Parents

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. ***Proverbs 22:6***