

Our Spanish classes began this month and so far the children seem to be really enjoying them. I usually introduce new material on Thursdays.. This is a wonderful age to expose children to a foreign language. We will be learning numbers, colors, weather expressions, body parts, bugs, transportation, family names as well as some Spanish traditions. Your children have really enjoyed the first few classes. Let me know if you have any questions about the program.

This year our kindergarten and Pre- K parent's night will be a bit different. Most of you have attended a Playmates Parent's Night and understand our philosophy of teaching. I would still like to have an evening for parents to come and see what the children have been doing and learn about some of our classroom expectations. I will have a brief overview of our classroom, along with a question and answer time. If there is a specific subject you would like me to address, please let me know ahead of time. If you would like to have an opportunity to speak with me about your child's progress, I will be available for a short (about 10 minutes) conference with each family. While I am meeting with a family, there will be several activities you could do as the children love to see their parent's work. The date for this evening will be Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30pm. If you would like a short conference, please sign the attached sheet and return it to me by October 14th. This night is for parents only, no children. Throughout the year, I will be sending home several progress reports as to how your child is doing. The first one will be given out during the parent's night. If you are unable to attend for Tuesday night I will also have conferences on Thursday night. As the year moves on I will be more specific as to what they have learned and how you can help your child at home. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact me, you do not have to wait until I have parent conferences in January. This parent conference will be more in depth and last about 45 minutes. There will be more information to come at the beginning of January. My e mail is mrsdooley@playmateslc.com or my number is 887-3128.

Fall is coming and the weather will be turning cooler. Please dress your child accordingly as I try and go outside everyday. The fresh air is stimulating and it gives us a chance to work on our gross motor skills. Just a reminder, if you are going to send in a snack or goodie (which we love!), please let me know if it is a tree nut free snack as we have several allergies in our classroom.

OCTOBER SKILLS

Letter sounds Bb, Cc and Dd.

Opposites

Rhyming

Positional words: over, under, between, on, top, up and down

Full names, addresses and telephone numbers

Number sets up to 10

THINGS TO DO AT HOME

1. Look for things that begin and end with B,C, and D.
2. Read stories about Fall, harvesting, fairs, fire safety and Halloween.
3. Children love writing their names and phone numbers. Encourage them to do this often. I will be introducing their names in lowercase letters.
4. Creative draw. Explore different mediums to draw or color with.
5. Play with playdough. This is a great way to get children to form shapes , letters and numbers. I have attached our school playdough recipe.
6. Practice counting to 50 or 100!
7. Practice tying shoes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Mrs. Dooley and Mrs Stariknok