

INCOMING PRE-K SUMMER WORK

Dear Incoming Pre-K Families,

It is hard to believe that another school year is wrapping up and that a new year with a new group of students is right around the corner! While this past school year may not have been a traditional one, we were so thankful to have been IN school getting to know our students every day. In order to prepare for the upcoming school year, there are a few things you can practice with your child over the summer months. Here are some ideas I have shared in the past that you may find helpful. The goal is to make learning a fun experience so that the children are excited to share all that they know when they come back to school with their teachers and friends.

Recommendations:

- **Read with them.** During and after reading books, ask a few questions about what was read. Ask them to retell the story or add onto it in order to strengthen both their verbal skills and comprehension.
- **Use everyday experiences to teach them about responsibility and being good friends helpers.** Come up with a summer chore list or daily checklist for them to follow. Promoting independence is a key ingredient for Pre-K.
- **Practice recognizing letters, colors, shapes, and numbers.** Making indoor scavenger hunts within your house is always a fun way to do this. For example, "Bring back something red or find something in the kitchen that begins with "c."
- **Play.** Be engaged, be active, be creative, be imaginative. Your involvement and enthusiasm about a child's play ideas is what promotes development in these areas.
- **Play Board Games.** This helps to encourage rule and direction following.
- **Use Fine Motor Skills.** Arts and crafts are a great way to work on pencil grip, scissor hold, and drawing skills.
- **Review.** Continue to practice going over letters, numbers and shapes.

Online Resources

PBS Kids

ABC Mouse

ABCya

Starfall

Sheppard's Software

The most important thing you can do for your child this summer is to spend quality time with them. Give them hugs. Share some snuggles. Encourage them to try new things and praise them for a job well done. Set challenges and make sure to recognize when goals are met. Keep your children stimulated and instill a love of learning in them. When they come back to Meadowbrook in September, I will be here to take them under my wing and carry on with your duties. We are a team and we will work together to create the most wonderful experiences for these amazing little people in our lives.

Warmly, The Pre-K Teachers