

September

Welcome to Our Classroom: Grace & Curtesy.

1. Introduction to the classroom, expectations and routine.
2. Health and safety: hand washing, safety in the classroom, gym and outdoors.
3. All about me: introducing children to their new classmates,
4. Getting to know my teachers, new classmates, and classroom: exploring the shelves and activities, snack table, indoor and outdoor playtimes, library, etc.
5. Back to school/ Fall theme: talk about Exciting new school adventure. Talk about fall theme: weather, colours, leaves, fruits & Vegetables, as well as how we dress for fall weather.

Montessori Activities:

- Rolling matts
- Fall Language Cards
- Choosing and putting away activities
- Moving chairs

Science:

- Watering plants
- Exploring apples; observing them whole, cut in half, cut in slices, taste

Arts & Craft:

- "Welcome" banner hand painting (group project)
- Sponge painting paper apple
- Free art/children's choice

October

Human Body:

1. Introducing children to names of body parts
2. Giving names to body functions
3. Discuss Halloween, what it is, how we celebrate, and discuss typical Halloween traditions.

Montessori Activities:

- Exploring full length mirror
- Rolling mats
- Moving chairs
- Taking care of plants
- Parts of the body language cards

Science:

- Exploring pumpkins and gourds
- Cleaning out the inside of a pumpkin
- Cleaning and baking the pumpkin seeds
- Carving the pumpkin into a jack-o-lantern

Arts and Crafts:

- Making paper Jack-o-lanterns using different cut out shapes
- Painting mini pumpkins
- Making paper plate faces

November

Weather:

1. Introducing weather (sunny, cloudy, rainy, etc.)
2. Naming the weather of the day and discuss appropriate outdoor clothing
3. Introduce the weather song

Montessori Activities:

- Dressing frames
- Lock and latch boards
- Stereognostic bags
- Weather Language Cards

Science:

- Making a shaving cream rain cloud

Arts & Craft:

- Making a paper cut out sun
- Making a paper cut out rain cloud
- Making a paper pinwheel
- Making a windchime

December

Winter:

1. Introducing winter: weather, colours, clothes we wear.
2. Discuss snow: texture, colour, temperature.
3. Discuss winter activities.
4. Discuss holidays that are celebrated during winter in the month of December: Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

Montessori Activities:

- Folding little towels
- Washing dishes activity
- Snow shoveling
- Winter/holiday themed language cards

Science:

- Freezing tinted water
- Melting tinted ice cubes
- Melting snow

Arts & Craft:

- Painting snow
- Holiday craft

January

Five Senses:

1. Talk about the five senses: what they are, what they do.
2. Use smelling jars during circle time (sense of smell)
3. Play with pinwheels (sense of sight)
4. Texture board during circle time (sense of touch)
5. Listening to the noise outdoors and naming the sounds (sense of hearing)
6. Eating oranges (sense of taste)

Montessori Activities:

- Matching Colours
- Playing with mini mirror (making faces, exploring features)
- Stereognostic bag
- 5 senses themed language cards

Science:

- Making and explore goop

Arts & Crafts:

- Free painting using painting brushes and tempera paints
- Make mini earths for earth day using paper plates and tissue paper
- Making multicoloured tissue paper collage

February

Community Helpers:

1. Introducing Community Helpers, what are they, who are they, what they do, how they help.
2. Discuss emergency community helpers, example: police officers, fire fighters, doctors.
3. Discuss service community helpers, example: Librarian, mail courier, bus driver, dentist.
4. Discuss Valentines day, what it is, how we celebrate, colours and shape.

Montessori Activities:

- Cutting on the line
- Washing table with soap & water
- Community helper language cards

Science:

- Magnet wand and chips in sensory bin

Arts & Craft:

- Making stop signs with glue and tissue paper
- making transportation vehicles with glue and paper cut outs
- Making valentines for Mommies and Daddies

March

Spring/Gardening:

1. Introduce spring: weather, clothes we wear, colours, and blossoming flowers/trees.
2. Talk about gardening.
3. Plant and take care of seedlings
4. Care for outdoor playground

Montessori Activities:

- Planting
- Caring for nature
- Spring/Gardening themed language cards
- Flower arranging

Science:

- Planting seeds and caring for plant

Arts & Crafts

- Painting with flowers.
- Gluing together paper flowers
- Making a spring collage

April

Insects/Frogs:

1. Introduction to insects and frogs: discussing them, naming them, introducing photos of insects/ frogs
2. Looking at the life cycle of a frog as well as butterfly
3. Spotting insects in playground

Montessori Activities:

- Water colour painting
- Lockbox
- Insect language cards
- Frog & butterfly life cycle language cards

Science:

- Taking a closer look at insects using magnifying glass

Arts & Craft:

- Making egg carton caterpillars
- Gluing together paper cut out butterfly
- Thumb print bumble bees

May

Under the sea:

1. Introducing underwater wildlife
2. Discuss fish and their habitat
3. Talk about Mother's Day: what it is, who its for, why we celebrate, talk about our mothers.

Montessori Activities:

- Folding activity
- Peeling tangerines
- Underwater wildlife language cards

Science:

- Taking a close look at seashells of different shapes, sizes, colour and texture, with magnifying glasses

Arts & Crafts:

- Mothers Day Craft
- Under water collage
- Gluing scales on a paper fish cut out

June

Summer:

1. Introduce summer: weather, what we wear, colours, summer activities
2. Read books about summer
3. Discuss Fathers Day: what it is, who its for, why we celebrate, talk about our fathers

Montessori Activities:

- Cutting vegetables activity
- Gluing activity
- Dusting activity
- Summer themed language cards

Science:

- Sink and float in large sensory bin

Arts & Crafts:

- Making sun catchers with tissue paper
- Making a paper plate sun
- Fathers Day craft