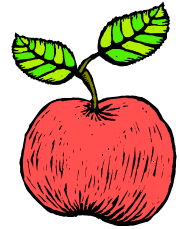




Puppy News for September

With Wendy and Beth



Dates and Reminders...

Open House...8/31...
9am-11am

Classroom Orientation (for Parents only)...8/31 at 6pm

School Starts...9/1

Closed...9/4, 9/7 for Labor Day observance.

Closed...9/28 Yom Kippur

Apple Picking Field Trip...TBA

A note to parents... you are responsible for snack for your child. If your child is picked up at 12:15pm= 1 snack, 3:30pm=2 snacks. Please **label each with child's name** and # of snack time. There will be a basket on top of the lunch box shelf... please put #1 and #2 in there.

Welcome to the Puppy Classroom...

Welcome to the Puppy Room! Beth and I are ready to have a fun filled year together with your children...hope you are too! There will be painting, gluing, songs, letters, sports, science, math, field trips, pretend play, making new friends, and so much more.

You are invited to the Open House on Monday August 31st between 9am-11am and the Parent Orientation Night on Monday August 31st at 7pm. This is a chance for parents to come and hear about everything you need to know about being a Puppy.

The Puppy Day...

Children who arrive at 7:15 or 8:00am drop off times will go to the Panda Classroom across the hall from ours each morning. This is the morning room. Activities will be available for them with the teachers who are in on any given day. Please be advised that if you are scheduled for an 8:45am drop off you may come to our classroom directly. Anytime before this is morning time and prep time for teachers so you will need to make arrangements with Diana if you need care from the early morning staff.

The children will start their day with some table top activities, and will be cued over to our **9am** circle or meeting time by music...when the music plays it is time to come to the floor for the beginning of our day. Parents should have had a chance to get their child settled by this time. *We ask that parents really be aware of this time and plan to be at school at 8:45am ready for their child to join table top time and then our circle time.* We will be having seating tags with children's names on them....this will be your child's seat for the morning....please do not change it or the activity that is at the table....we place children in spots for skill work and encourage social interaction with various children. At this circle we cover a lot of material...calendar, our plan for the day, and discussions relevant to our themes. Please be on time....thank you. If you are late, just think of it like arriving late to a party and everyone is staring at you when you walk in through the door...the same thing happens to a child who arrives late and circle has begun. It can be quite embarrassing to have everyone looking at you when you are trying to join in quietly.

Please adhere to scheduled times for both drop off and pick ups.

To go along with drop off and pick ups, when you are walking your child in, please **park out back or on the side to enter the building through the back, side or front doors...do not park out front!...and especially do so and unload children in the street!!!** If you need stroller access you will have to carefully walk around to the ramp in the front to access the first floor.

As our day continues, we will have a snack time, project time, bathroom time, stories and songs during another meeting time, and outside time, lunch time and then our 3rd circle time before pick up. Our morning pick up time is at 12:15pm. We continue our day with rest time, afternoon activities, bathroom, snack, an outside time or quiet activity before we have our afternoon pick up at 3:30pm.

Parent Tip...

For some children this is their first time in a school situation and /or their first separation from parents outside the home. We assure you we are accustomed to dealing with this and all of the feelings that go along with it. We hope parents will establish a routine with their child to help the separation time. For example, you may want to say to your child "I can do one puzzle and then I have to go to work." We ask that parents do not linger with their good-byes because it can make it harder in the long run....your child will then think "Well, I got her to stay until circle time last time... maybe I can get her to stay until that or even longer today." The other piece of this drop off puzzle is that your child may be fine, but another child seeing a parent in the room when they had to say good-bye to theirs, can be hard to understand. This usually will set off a quieted child again...back to upset...it reminds them of their separation from their own parent. So we ask that parents be sensitive to this situation. If your child has a difficult drop off, please feel free to call at any point during the day to ease your own mind ...we do have phones in each room. We do not want to intrude on your drop off routine, so please let a teacher know if you are having a hard time and we will help with the good-bye time.

This month....



This month's focus will be getting to know each other, establishing our routine, exploring the classroom and our surroundings.

We will introduce our art materials, and the rest of our monthly/yearly themes. We will explore apples and apple picking by tasting, observing, painting, and examining them. We will find out where apples come from, what we can make with them, and how they grow. So look for our version of an apple orchard with painted apple trees and lots of glued "apples". We will make a field trip to go apple picking in an orchard ...guess what snack will be that day!!! More info will follow as we get closer. If this is not your regular day, we are opening this up to our entire Puppy class so....children will need to attend with their grown up if it is not their regular day. We will need drivers to get there...here is your first opportunity to volunteer....please speak to Wendy if you can help.

Science...



We will be exploring and observing apples and water.

We will talk about floating and sinking, what each of those words mean, and find out what we can do with water.

Kindergarten

Readiness Skill...

(yes, even at 2 we start thinking of kindergarten)

Sorting our toys into the proper place they belong will begin our readiness skills, along with using materials appropriately, and being part of a group.

“Me and My Family” Unit....

Please bring in an individual photo of each family member that lives in your house and a separate photo of the outside of your home. These will be used for a project.

Letter of the Week...

We do what is called the letter of the week each month. There is a sign up sheet on our parent info board to choose a letter. Each child should pick a letter that they would like to find items that begin with the chosen letter, put them in a baggie, and share the items during meeting times that particular week. The dates are listed to the right of each letter. We ask that the items arrive the Friday before the week or on Monday morning so they are there for the beginning of the week. Please add a list of items included as well as your child's name.



Math...

We begin our counting on our calendar each morning at our first circle time. We will expand that counting to count pretend apples in our math corner. What does one apple look like or how about two? We will begin one to one correspondence. We will also introduce some basic shapes and see what we can make with them.

Sport...

Our sport of the month is soccer. We will work on kicking and throwing with two hands. We will try to pass to another person, stop the ball, and shoot at a goal.



Happy Birthday...

We like to celebrate birthdays in our class....just sign up on the snack calendar 1 week ahead of time and note it is a birthday. We need to have the ingredients lists for the snack, but you may choose what to bring!

We would like to wish Jackson and Jack each a Happy Birthday this month!



We are ready for so much fun! So let's get started! See you at the Open House and Parent Orientation on the 31st. If you have any questions or concerns, you can speak with us or e-mail us at brunow@doversherborn.org. We usually check it once or twice a day. Thanks for sharing your children with us this year.

Wendy and Beth

