

# First Plymouth Learning Center

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## Ladybugs:

What an exciting first few days of school. It was so nice meeting everyone at back to school night and I look forward to getting to know you all better. To start this year we will be focusing on making friends and getting used to the class routine. Since this is a new experience, separation can be a little difficult for both children and parents. Just know that at FPLC we strive to make drop offs easy and the class environment as comforting and welcoming as possible. This Month our theme is Making Friends/Me and My Body. Our color for September is blue and our shape is a circle. We will read books like, "Be a Friend" and have games and activities based off this theme, color and shape. We will also have a few activities to go with our book of the month, "The Rainbow Fish" I can't wait to get started!

- Ms. Miranda and Ms. Senait

## From the Director...

Welcome everyone to First Plymouth Learning Center! I'm so excited to start the year! Welcome back to our returning families and we're so glad to meet those of you who are new to us! FPLC has a long established reputation and continues to be one of the premiere PDO/Preschools in the area. I know your child/children will get a productive and nurturing introduction to school here, we have amazing teachers! I hope everyone has a wonderful school year!

Parent volunteers are fun, welcome and important! Please contact your child's teacher or myself if interested.

- Kiesha

## Bunnies:

Welcome Bunnies to our class! We understand that starting school maybe a difficult time for some children, so we will be working on a healthy transition. Our goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible, by creating a warm, caring environment, establishing a prompt, positive goodbye and a dependable classroom routine. This year will be a wonderful time for your children where they will be discovering their sense of self and independency, by using gentle words, putting their things away, sharing, learning manners and discovering a sense of community. Our theme this month is 'Me and My Body' and Making Friends. We will be introducing colors and shapes; our focus for September is Blue and Circles. We are so lucky to have Ms. Senait as our assistant. We are going to have so much fun! It is going to be an amazing year!

- Ms. Gerri and Ms. Senait

## Bumblebees:

Hello and welcome to the Bumblebee classroom! For the next month we will be focusing on making new friends and learning about how our bodies work. With making new friends comes discussing boundaries and rules of the classroom as well as what is expected for behavior. Potty training basics will tie into how our bodies work and focus on appropriate bathroom and body behavior in the classroom as well as at home. Circles and the color blue will be our shape and color of the month as well as an emphasis of numbers 0-10. The alphabet and learning the letters that make up our names will be a major highlight this month and will help us start to create a great foundation for early reading skills. We cannot wait to get to know you and your little bumblebees throughout this amazing 2017-2018 school year!

- Ms. Erika and Ms. Senait

### **Koalas:**

Welcome to the Koala class! I enjoyed meeting all of you at our open house, thank you for coming. This month the theme is Family and Community and our color and shape are red and octagon. We will begin work with our first focus letters and numbers; L, T, J, I, and 0-9. We are diving right in with the alphabet and counting objects, remember to practice these at home; we will also do a lot of name practice and work on developing an understanding for numbers and letters, right/left, opposites, and size/shape. I am so excited to start this year off with all of you; we're going to learn so much!

Song: "Good Morning Red Bird"

- Ms. Angela and Ms. Shelley

### **Brown Bears:**

Welcome to the Brown Bears class! This month we will be focusing on getting to know each other and developing our classroom as a team of learners. We will learn how to use our classroom respectfully and learn expectations and limits. We will be developing self-help skills and practicing how to be responsible for our self and our actions. Our themes this month are All About Me, family and community. We will also focus on the color red, octagons, numbers 0, 1 and 2, and letters L, T, J, and I. our big word of the month is "responsibility." We will be learning many "Bear" songs this month. I am looking forward to a fun and educational year!

- Ms. Kathy and Ms. Shelley

### **Penguins:**

In the coming weeks, the Penguins will be adapting to an entirely new classroom routine as we begin the journey to get ready for kindergarten! In our Morning Meetings, we will be reading inspiring books like [A Squiggly Story](#) by Andrew Larsen, [The Most Magnificent Thing](#) by Ashley Spires, and [The Important Book](#) by Margaret Wise Brown. In our Readers/Writers Workshop, we will be writing our own "squiggly stories", as well as "important books" and doing daily reading activities like "fishing for sight words". During "Express Yourself!", we will be creating penguins to hang in the hall and our own "purple crayon picture" after reading [Harold and the Purple Crayon](#) by Crockett Johnson. Math Time will have the children working together with manipulatives to build their knowledge and always be followed by a "Number Talk". At rest time, we will start reading The Magic Treehouse series and at the end of the day, you will find us working together to build floor puzzles. Watch out, the Penguins are diving into a school year full of learning, laughter and lasting memories!

- Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Shelley



## *Upcoming Dates to Remember:*

*September 4- Labor Day*

*September 21 – Family Picnic*

*October 24-27 - Fall Break*

*November 21-24 – Thanksgiving Break*

*December 25- January 5- Winter Break*

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