



First Plymouth Learning Center

September 2018



Ladybugs:

This month the Ladybugs are learning all about "Me and My Body" and focusing on making friends and learning our routine at school. Every morning we sing our greeting song which includes singing our friends names and cheering for them. We are learning about sharing, taking turns, using our words and gentle hands with our friends. The ladybugs are already becoming familiar with where our toys go, what to do when we are done eating, and where to sit for circle time. Outside they are learning to hold the hand rail while going up and down the steps, to put a helmet on when riding a trike, and to go down feet first on the slide. During all of our daily routines we are incorporating counting, shapes, and colors. Our focus for this month is the color blue and the shape circle which you will see reflected in our art projects. It is helpful for you to point out these concepts at home and out in the world as well.

- Ms. Brooke and Ms. Amber

Bunnies:

Welcome Bunnies to our class! What a great start to our month. These little ones are doing so well! We understand that starting school maybe a difficult time for some children, so we will be working on healthy transitions. Our goal is to make it as smooth as possible, by creating a warm caring environment, giving prompt positive goodbyes and establishing a dependable routine each day will help towards a having successful days. Our theme for September was 'Me and My Body and Making Friends.' We learned about bodies, with counting our eyes, nose, hands and feet. We were busy learning about ourselves and friends and how to be a good friend. We introduced the color blue and the shape circle, numbers 1 & 2. We are so lucky to have Ms. Amber as our assistant. We are going to have so much fun! It's going to be an amazing year!

- Ms. Gerri and Ms. Amber

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 2018-2019 school year!

- Ms. Erika and Ms. Amber

Tuition for October is due October 1st!

You can pay tuition online! There is a convenience fee of 3.5% plus \$0.45 for credit card payments and there is a flat convenience fee of \$0.45 for e-check payments. <https://firstplymouth.mycheddarup.com>

We also accept checks via bill pay through your bank.

Otters:

Hi Everyone! It's been an amazing month in the Otter classroom and a great start to the year! After the first week, the nerves ran away, and we were able to get our theme of friendship and our body on the way. We started off talking about what is a friend and what month it is. As time went on, we got to color our classroom otters which looked so nice outside of our classroom. We were so excited to get to know everyone's favorite colors and how we are all otters together! My favorite moment was when one of the kids asked me who had colored the otter in the middle which was a professional picture of a real otter from the zoo. As the middle of September rolled around and we continued to practice saying September, we switched over to coloring crayons for our otter's crayon box. Our crayon box is almost done and will be outside soon!! As September ended, we focused on how we are all different but use our body parts such as ears and noses which we all have for the same things!! Friends can be different but we can be the same sometimes too!

- Ms. Rachel and Ms. Lindsay

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!

- Ms. Angela and Ms. Lindsey

Brown Bears:

Hi Parents!

For the month of September our theme was family and community. Please feel free to have your child bring in a special book from home to share with the class. We are currently working on the letters L, T, I and J. Fun ways to learn how to trace at home are paper plates with salt in them, or sand and sit with your child and help them trace the letter. We are also currently working on counting, recognizing numbers 1-10 and putting items counted into number groups. If you haven't brought in a family picture yet please do so, we are going to be making our family tree soon and hang our pictures on there! We also visited the Penguins on Friday for some fun baking!

- Ms. Brooke and Ms. Lindsey

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

October 16-19 - Fall Break

November 20-23 – Thanksgiving Break

December 25- January 4- Winter Break

January 8 – Students return

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Penguins:

The Penguins have been working hard to adapt to an entirely new classroom routine as we begin the journey on our way to kindergarten! In our Morning Meetings, we have been reading books about penguins, how we are alike and different, going to school, and making friends. In our Readers/Writers Workshop, we have been learning how to write in our journals, practicing how to spell/write our first and last names and building short vowel words. During “Express Yourself”, the children have been working hard with Ms. Shelley to create their penguins that are now hanging out in the hallway. We will be moving on to create life-size cut-outs of ourselves and pictures of “My Something Else”. We knew that “Math Time” was already a hit when one of the Penguins chirped up at lunch time, “Don’t forget about math, Ms. Elizabeth!” J The children have been working together to build towers of five and quiz each other by putting manipulatives on five frames and asking: “How many and how many blank spaces?” At rest time, we have been reading Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne and at the end of the day, you can find us sitting in a circle, holding hands and talking about our favorite part of the school day! Watch out, the Penguins are diving into a school year full of learning, laughter and lasting memories!

- Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Shelley

A Note from the Director:

Welcome everyone to First Plymouth Learning Center! I’m so excited to get the school year started! 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 child care programs in the area. I know your child/children will get a productive and nurturing introduction to school here, we have amazing teachers! Check out our staff board in the main hallway to get to know everybody!

I hope everyone has a wonderful school year! It’s been a great start so far! The classrooms are in full swing. The kids are diving into activities, literacy and academics!

Parent volunteers are fun, welcome and important! Please contact your child’s teacher or me if interested in helping around our center. We have many ways parents can be involved including: classroom volunteers, professional visitors, fundraising organization, helping with classroom gifts and donations for the center. We greatly appreciate any help given!

Here’s to another wonderful month!

- Kiesha

