



Preschool Classroom Newsletter

This month we have focused on building the foundation we need to succeed. Here is what we have been learning:

- All about Me
- Families and babies
- Rules and routines
- Friendship

We are also spent time learning about

- Shapes and colors
- our five senses
- opposites, same and different

Our goal as we begin the school year is that our kids feel loved, safe and valued. It is so exciting to see them making friends and building relationships.

An extension of "All about Me" is learning about pets. We have talked about each child's family pet and the responsibilities of caring for pets. Something exciting and new this week is that we have a class pet! It's a blue betta fish named Pancho, (it is a Mexican name.) His name is short for Francisco. He is named after St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the name of our Pope.

The kids are super excited about learning their *special letter*. This *special letter* is the first letter of their name. They are so excited to look for their special letter and for their friends' special letter.

Now that we have established routines, we have been able to begin having a classroom helper. Every child will have the opportunity to be a classroom help about twice a month. The classroom helper's job is to choose the songs we are singing, the prayers for the day, and to be the line leader. The classroom helper has a special spot to sit during our circle time and they get to feed Pancho!

We also had our first fire drill. It was a little challenging for some students. We prepared ahead of time with songs and videos and practicing, but the reality of the loud alarm is hard for some kiddos. We emphasized that this was a just a practice, and we will always make sure they are safe. We are required by the state to do a drill once per month.

Please remember to send a crib sized sheet for rest. We need to put a sheet on the cots for rest time.

Next week we will begin learning about seasons, community helpers, (more about) friends, and angels! As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We are interested in hearing from you!

Blessings,

Mrs. Munoz and Mrs. Youngquist