



# Weekly NEWS

HETTINGER COUNTY HEAD START

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

## Important Dates

- ❖ **Wanted:** Clean and empty plastic containers and bottles of various shapes and sizes with matching lids/tops for a small group activity. We are also in need of funnels for a small group activity. Thank you!
- ❖ **Just a reminder that there will be Head Start on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.**
- ❖ **Looking for 2-3 parent volunteers to walk with us to the homecoming parade on Friday. Please call the classroom if interested.**
- ❖ **NO HEAD START ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>.**

## Standards

- Maintain focus and sustain attention with minimal adult support.
- Participate in the community of the classroom.
- Analyzes results, draws conclusions, and communicates results.
- Uses perceptual information to guide motions and interactions with objects and other people.
- Understands simple patterns.
- Demonstrates control, strength, and coordination of large muscles.
- Identifies, describes, compares, and composes shapes.

## What Are We Learning?

**MONDAY:** The boys and girls explored with paint today. They chose a primary paint color (red, blue, or yellow) and then they made a choice between adding white paint or black paint. The children used a craft stick to mix the two colors together. They learned that white paint will make other paints lighter in color and black paint will make other paints darker in color. The boys and girls painted with their new paint color on a piece of white construction paper. The children are still learning each others names so today for Large Group Time, we played "Musical Chairs." When the music stopped, each child picked up the picture on their chair, sat down, and told one of the teachers who the child was in the picture.

**TUESDAY:** Today's Small Group Activity, had the boys and girls using some props to tell a story as they tried to get their animal across the water (water mat) by jumping on some rocks (colored paper squares). We were observing the children to see if they could use their colored paper squares to line them up, extend a pattern, create a simple pattern, or create a complex pattern. We will be sharing these observations with you at Parent/Teacher conferences in November. We introduced a new song today called, "Ants Go Marching." This song has now been added to our classroom songbook.

**WEDNESDAY:** Today the children explored with the Pattern Blocks. Some boys and girls identified familiar shapes such as a square, triangle, and diamond. Some boys and girls also learned some new shape names such as hexagon and trapezoid. Some of the boys and girls were able to create shapes by using other shapes. The children enjoyed the "Listen and Move" song. First, the song told them how to move their bodies. Next, they had to listen to the music and recall what movement went with that music. This song is now in our Classroom Songbook.

**THURSDAY:** Each child created a "Pattern Block Critter" using the pattern blocks. For some of the boys and girls the word "critter" was a new word that we had to talk about so they knew it meant a living creature; an animal. The children could choose to have us take a picture of their "Pattern Block Critter" as well as have us write the name of their critter on an index card and the pattern block used to create their critter. Today for Large Group Time, two children each chose a song for us to sing and move our bodies.

Have a terrific weekend!!  
Kim, Ida, Steph