



# Weekly NEWS

HETTINGER COUNTY HEAD START

May 4, 2023

## Important Messages

- ❖ It was Willa's Family of the Week! Thanks for sharing pictures, a favorite recipe, a favorite book, and reading books to the boys and girls before Breakfast Time.
- ❖ This week's ABC Countdown: Monday-(T) Team Spirit and Tattoo Day! Tuesday-(U) USA Day! Wednesday-(V) Video Day! Thursday-(W) Watermelon/Walk Day!
- ❖ Please write a note in your child's backpack log or call the classroom if you do not want your child to get a temporary kid tattoo on them in the classroom. Thanks! Each child will be given a sheet of tattoos to bring home as well.
- ❖ Last Day of Head Start is May 17, 2023
- ❖ Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on May 18, 2023 (Thursday) and May 19, 2023 (Friday). Please let me know if you have a preference for the day/time/or both. I do try to schedule those families with children in the public school on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> so it does not conflict with the awards day on Friday. I will not be able to schedule any conferences for the following week since May 19<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school so all conferences need to be scheduled on one of these days. Thanks!

## Standards

- Maintains focus and sustains attention with minimal adult support.
- Participate in the community of the classroom.
- Writes for a variety of purposes using increasingly sophisticated marks.
- Understands and responds to increasingly complex communication and language from others.
- Demonstrates increasing control, strength, and coordination of small muscles.
- Coordinates movements in response to beat rhythm.
- Attends to communication and language from others.
- Creates art work that depicts objects and events and/or expresses feelings, thoughts, and ideas through a variety of two-dimensional and three-dimensional processes and share about them.
- Uses perceptual information to guide motions and interactions with objects and other people.

## What Are We Learning?

**MONDAY:** The boys and girls practiced writing some lowercase letters (mdgo) on dry erase boards. When finished, they practiced writing more letters, their name, other names, and words. Today's read aloud during Large Group Time introduced the children to a real person named, Charlie Parker. Charlie Parker was a musician who played jazz music on his saxophone. Before reading the book, "Charlie Parker Played Be Bop," I played one of his songs called "Bebop" so they could hear what jazz music sounds like and I showed them a real picture of Charlie Parker since the book had an illustrated drawing of him and not an actual photo.

**TUESDAY:** We talked about what we have used to paint with (paintbrush, finger, fork, etc) and today they explored with painting with Q-tips. They practiced dotting the circles that were inside a variety of shapes (they chose one of those shapes to dot) and when finished they could make their own dot picture. The boys and girls practiced keeping a beat to the song, "B-I-N-G-O," with a pair of rhythm sticks.

**WEDNESDAY:** We welcomed Mrs. Mayer (school counselor) into our classroom to read one of her favorite books to us. She enjoyed visiting our classroom and getting a chance to introduce herself to the children. Mrs. Mayer talked about her job at school and told the boys and girls going into kindergarten in the fall that she would be visiting their classroom throughout the school year and talking a lot about their feelings. For Large Group Time, the children were introduced to the activity, "Rainbow Mix-Up." They walked around the rug from color to color on the rug listening to music. When Steph stopped the music, they had to stop on a colored square and only one person could be in that square. Next, Ida reached inside a brown paper bag and pulled out a colored square. If it was a certain color, only those children found a new square to stand on that was that color. If it was a white square, everyone found a new colored space to stand on.

**THURSDAY:** The boys and girls explored with sidewalk chalk by writing names, letters, or drawing pictures during Small Group Time. Two children chose songs for us to sing and move our bodies.

Have a terrific weekend!!  
Kim, Ida, Steph