

# Miss.Irelynn's NEWSLETTER

September 18th-21st

#### Reminders

\*Book orders due 9/27/23

\*Open house Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7pm

### **Special Dates**

\*Helmet fitting and bike safety Sep. 19<sup>th</sup> with Officer Peters

\*Bus Safety Day Sep.26<sup>th</sup>

### **Small Group Activities**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>- Children will be introduced to Mat Man, Mat Man is made up of lines and curves which is what we use to make our letters from our curriculum handwriting without tears.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>- Children will be introduced to our bikes outside! Before our helmet fitting we will go over bike safety!

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>- Children will use markers and crayons to make self-portraits to keep in their portfolios for the school year!

Thursday 21st- Children will get to make "friendship salad" which is made up of kind hands, kind mouth, and kind feet. We will talk about gentle touches and how to be a good friend in the classroom, recipe on the back! We will use yogurt, fruits, and marshmallows to make our friendship salad and then try some, and the rest we will save for our open house to share with our families.

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## FRIENDSHIP SALAD

Items Needed: Large bowl Mixing spoon Paper plates

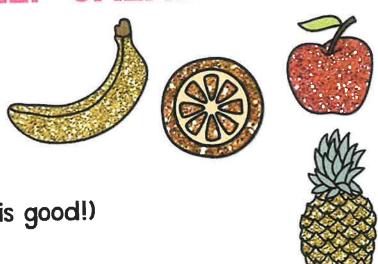
Spoons

Several Cans of fruit (a variety is good!)

Marshmallows

Yogurt

1 very old rotten banana



Explain to the class that the big bowl is your classroom. There are many important things our classroom needs. (You can have students share their ideas for what the classroom needs!) As they share, make sure to explain that our classroom really needs good friends and happy days!

Add 1 Can of fruit. Explain that these are the KIND kids in our room. (Discuss kindness at school)
Add another can of fruit. Explain that these are the hard workers in our classroom. (Discuss doing your best, never giving up or saying, "I can't..")

Add another can of fruit. Explain that these are the kids who share. (share supplies, share center materials, etc.)

Add some marshmallows. Explain that these are the kind words being said in our room. (Words like please, thank you, etc.)

Now talk about how good the friendship salad is and how great it will taste!

Start to peel the rotten banana.

Explain to them that the rotten banana could cause trouble in our happy classroom. This might be a banana that calls names, does not share, won't work or follow directions, etc.

Ask the class if they want the rotten banana in our salad.

Discuss why they don't want the banana in the salad. Make the connection between the friendship salad and your classroom. Remind students the importance of following the rules and having good manners.

And throughout the year, when things aren't going well, ask the kids if they want the rotten banana to come into the class! I guarantee the answer will be NOOOOOO!

TIP: Make your banana rot faster by sticking it in the freezer overnight!





