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My Wonderful World

Children are very interested about their environment and the people around them, so this month we will explore their "Wonderful World" Each week in September it will emphasize a specific area of a child life.

Week one children will learn how special and unique they are. Be sure to tell them, often since fostering a healthy self-image is important for all children, whether they are infants, three-year olds, or school agers.

In week two we will take a look at very important part of a child's world the "Family".

Week three find us talking about those special people they see every day "Friends", since children spend a significant portion of their day here at Onionpatch.

In week four it's a journey to a place close to home, our "Neighborhood" we will talk and learn about the important people and places in our community.

ONIONPATCH REMINDERS



For optimal learning we encourage parents to drop off your child no later than 9 o'clock each morning. At this time teachers will be starting their academic lessons.

Uniforms are to be worn Monday to Thursday. The uniform consists of a white polo shirt and blue bottoms. Pants, shorts, or skirt can be worn. On Friday are our dress down and a fundraiser day. Families pay one dollar to go towards craft supplies or special events at Onionpatch Academy.

New Students

We welcome to the Onionpatch Family:

Matthew Walayeki Kennedy Dickenson

Ariea Devlin Djimin Oconnor

David Mahwendepi Zhai Phifer

Upcoming Birthdays

Jada Welch September 6th

Cameron Camera September 7th

Danjae Denbrook September 9th

Back to school



Upcoming Events

Closing September 3rd for public holiday

Fluoride Program: Sept 4th: please see your child's teacher for information and permission forms

Music Program Fall Term: Sept 11th with Mrs Grimes

Welcome New Staff

Please welcome Ms Nichole Shaw. She will be teaching the Green Onions class, younger two year olds.

Ms. Nichole received her Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychology from Bryant University. She also obtained her Certificate in Autism from the National University in California. Ms Nichole was previously employed at Saltus Grammar School. We welcome her to the Onionpatch Team!

Toddlers Communication Style

Toddlers dance to the beat of their own drums. They are in transition, straddling the dependency of babyhood and the growing autonomy of preschool. Their emotions are all over the place and they don't have the communication skills to express their feelings and points of view.

Tips on Dealing with Toddler Behavior

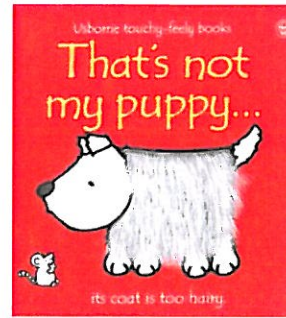
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep. When children are even slightly sleep deprived it makes it harder for them to control her behavior.
- Establish a routine. A routine gives children structure and environment that fosters feeling of security, comfort, trust and less anxiety about the future.
- Be consistent. Children learn from cause and effect-what actually happens. If we inconsistent in certain situations, regardless of our intention, our children will learn that their inappropriate behavior is a way to get what they want.

Encourage speech and language development

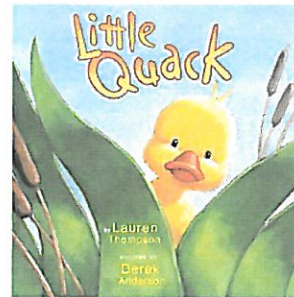
2-4 years of age:

- Avoid using baby talk
- Use speech that is clear and simple for your child to model
- Repeat what your child says, this indicates that you understand.
- Ask questions that require a choice
- Sing simple songs and recite nursery rhymes to show the rhythm and pattern of speech
- Expand vocabulary. Name body parts and identify what you do with them. "this is my nose. I can smell flowers, brownies, popcorn and soap.
- Help your child understand and ask questions. Play the yes-no game. Ask questions such as "Are you a boy?" are you Marty? Can a pig fly? Encourage your child to make up questions and try to fool you.

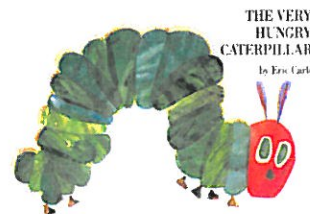
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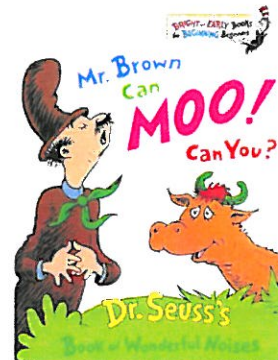
That's not my puppy By Fiona Watt



Little Quack By Lauren Thompson



The Very Hungry Caterpillar By Eric Carle



Mr. Brown can moo can you? By Dr Seuss's

NUTRITION

Here at the Onionpatch Academy we promote healthy habits for all children. We would like to encourage parents to send along with their child healthy breakfast, lunches and snacks. Serving food that enriches their brain and growth development will give them optimal learning development. Fresh fruit or yogurt is an excellent choice for a morning snack.