September 17, 2020

Hello Families!

It was a fun week of trees and leaves in Pre-K! We had a blast exploring Maple, Oak, Pine and Dogwood trees, and their leaves. This week was unfortunately cut short due to the ventilation in the gym and larger school. Right now, we are planning to be open Monday as normal with our 7:45-3:00 school time. I am hopeful that we will have a full week of school next week. This week we mastered our routines, and started learning about each other. As we all become friends we are working on learning what it means to share, communicate using our words, and be kind. This is a very special group of kids and we are already learning a great deal.

Some of the things we worked on this week were:

* Practiced writing our names
* Reported on our weekend news
* Drew leaves from Oak and Maple trees
* We made a "Know, Want to Know, and Learned" Chart about trees.  What do we already know, what do we want to learn, and what have we learned.
* We traced our hands, and colored it like a leaf.
* We made our "Tree Study Journal" We looked at pictures of Maple trees, Oak Trees, Dogwood Trees and Pine Trees for this.
* We measured every student's height and compared it to different trees.
* We created a cover for our Tree Journal by using crayon on top of a leaf
* We had a Leaf "gallery" walk.  We looked through various leaves and made observations.

Busy Busy! We read a ton of books about trees and learned all sorts of cool facts about them. For next week, we will be moving from trees into Apples, continuing with our theme of Harvest. If your family is willing to bring in an apple or two for an “Apple taste test” on Friday, please let me know. We will be working with the letter “A” all week; words that start with “a” and practicing writing the letter “a”.

For Friday, I will be sending home a packet that has some low stress, low pressure, “Fun” activities for the students to work on at home. In this packet is a number coloring sheet, an acorn coloring page and the last page of the “tree journal”. For this page, we are looking at apple trees, so please have your child look at a picture of an apple tree and do their best to draw the tree in the large empty box. Then, have them trace the letters “a,p,p,l,e” at the top. This will be the kid’s fifth time filling out a sheet like this, so they should know what to do. If this feels too daunting for your family on Friday, please do not feel obligated to complete it. As usual if there are questions, please let me know. It was a fun week!

Sincerely,

Ms. Bozarth