

October 2022

Dear Sprout Families,

September has been such a busy month in the Sprout 2 room! Our new friends Cannon, Jack, Tate, Millie and Wesley have been doing a great job adjusting to their new surroundings and new friends. Bailey, Henry, and Ben have been so welcoming and have been helping them learn all the new things.

"Our School" has been our September study. We spent the month making those important connections with your child so they feel safe and nurtured while in our care. We also became familiar with our classroom, safety, and routines, after all everything looks different for them even the books. Each Sprout has their own cubby and have enjoyed using them to store personal items as well as to put naptime items away all by themselves. The Sprouts drink out of open cups, use spoons, hang their coats on hooks and wash their hands independently. We also remember to "Clean up" by putting all of the toys away before attempting a new activity. Outside, the playground has been a whole new world. Everything is BIG! There are so many new experiences to be had and the Sprouts are ready to learn!

Encouraging and allowing time for the Sprouts to do as much for themselves as possible helps develop independence which in turn grows a positive sense of self.

Monthly Highlights:

- **Cannon** has been truly enjoying the playground. He loves climbing the steps to go down the slide!
- **Jack** loves painting and coloring at the table and sometimes gets extra turns to do so!
- **Bailey** has become such a helper in the classroom and loves to be given special tasks like preparing the table for art.

- **Tate** loves books! He loves our Circle Time books and the new selection in the library.
- **Henry** enjoys all the trucks! He can always be found racing them with friends.
- **Wesley** has been building with our many types of blocks and is always so proud to show off his structures!
- **Millie** has been taking full advantage of our kitchen in the home center where she makes noodles and feeds her babies.
- **Ben** really enjoys playing at the water table. He drives the boats and cleans them up when he is finished!

This month our study will be "**Paper**". The Sprouts will be exploring and using paper in so many ways. Paper plays an important role in every child's life and provides endless opportunities to explore colors, textures, shapes and functions.

Notes:

- Please bring in a blanket for your child's nap (even if they use a sleep sack) it can get chilly during naptime.
- Please change out your child's extra set of clothing to match the changing weather.
- Give your child opportunities to become independent at home.

It has been such a pleasure meeting all of our new Sprouts and their families and we look forward to watching them grow and learn and play in our time together!

Ms. Kelcy and Ms. Tracy