



Dr. Vicki's VIEW

Principal Certification Program Recipients in Virginia

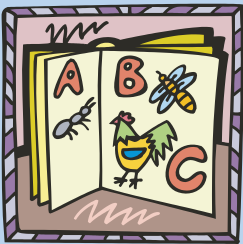


Principal plaques were given out at an award dinner in Virginia in recognition of our directors completing four months of intensive coursework and becoming School Principals. This group represents our District Manager Lisa Shadyac's team. Pictured from left to right - Jamie Morris (Winchester); Rhiannon Bolden (Stephens City); Lisa Shadyac (District Manager); Erin Quinn (Bealeton); Sharon Allen (Warrenton).

CONGRATULATIONS!



CHILDCARE AS IT SHOULD BE!



Bedtime Reading Club

Recommended Reading for Parents

Read **Froggy Rides a Bike** by Jonathan London for September. We are reading it as our Book of the Month selection. It reinforces time; morning, noon and night.

For October, read **Dora's Spooky Halloween** by Sonali Fry. Hide Halloween props around the house and go on a Halloween Hunt together.

In November, we are reading **My Own Five Senses** by Giavonni Caviesel. Place items into a sock and have child insert hand and describe what they are.



Family Fun Recipe

The Great Pumpkin Cookie Recipe

2c. flour, 1c. quick oatmeal, 1t. baking powder, 1t. cinnamon, 1/2t. salt, 1c. oleo, softened 1c. brown sugar, 1c. sugar, 1 egg slightly beaten, 1t. vanilla, 1c. pumpkin, 1c. chocolate chips, candy corn. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, oats, soda, cinnamon and salt. Cream butter, gradually adding sugars, beating until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; mix well. Alternate additions of dry ingredients and pumpkin, mixing well after each addition. Stir in morsels. For each cookie, drop 1/4c. dough onto lightly greased cookie sheet; spread into pumpkin shape. Bake 20-30 minutes and cool. Makes 20 cookies.



EVENT ALERTS

Our Career Focus of community helpers centers on the Firefighter and the Armed Forces during the months of October, November and December.

We bring this community awareness program into the classroom through books, presentations and visits from people who represent these fields of work.

If you or someone you know is involved in these areas, please discuss a possible visit for our children with our Principal. They would love it.

Health Focus



This September marks the 25th anniversary of Baby Safety Month which reminds you to check your car seats, your cribs, household furniture and backyard areas to ensure safety precautions have been taken to keep your babies safe and healthy.

The Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association has created a brochure to guide you in baby product safety, use and selection.

Order a free brochure titled **Safe & Sound for Baby** from:
JPMA Public Information
Safe & Sound for Baby
15000 Commerce Parkway
Suite C
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

Just send a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope.

CURRICULUM KORNBER

CURRICULUM THEMES

We are "Going to School" in September, meeting new friends and learning through stories and activities that focus on the letters S, R and A.

October helps us learn about families, homes and neighborhoods. For autumn emphasis we explore leaves, pumpkins and seeds.

November finds us using all five of our senses throughout the month in a variety of fun activities.

Review the learning plans that are posted on the Family Bulletin Board to learn what your child is doing.

UNIQUE PRESCHOOL TASKS

Ask your child to show you a Tray Task... the preschool classrooms use them all year long to help your child get ready for reading and writing.

This year the Pre-Kindergarten students are also using **Three Step Tray Tasking**, a hands-on way to help your child develop organizational thinking skills. Emphasis is placed on small motor refinement and critical thinking skills as children work on tracing, cutting and assembling various tasks.

BABY SIGNS PROGRAM

Our infants and toddlers are enjoying communicating by learning to use their hands to tell us what they need or want. Be sure to read the monthly Baby Signs newsletter.

GOING TO SCHOOL TIPS

- **Talk positively about going to school with your child during your drive to school.**
- **Always say goodbye to your child before you leave the classroom.**
- **Take time to listen to your child's retelling of his or her experiences that day.**
- **Let your child know you are proud of his/her accomplishments.**