

Mrs. Bohn's Classroom

November 7th, 2020

Fred Rogers is quoted, "Play is often talked about as if it was a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning." There is so much value and truth within Mr. Rogers' words, as play truly is the work of children. Through play children are learning how to interact with others. Play allows children to practice conflict resolution and self-advocacy skills while sharing and cooperating with their peers. Through play children can learn how to self-regulate and express emotions. These are all foundational skills needed for future school success. Play allows children to problem solve and develop language skills. Play also lends to mathematical and spatial understanding (you should see the towers created in the block area). As a parent, I know that my daughter will often answer "I played" as we talk about our day, but playing is learning and work for these little ones. Keep on playing!

Jesus Time

We learned the story of Ruth and Naomi. Ruth stayed with Naomi and took care of her when their family had hardships. We can serve and love each other too! We talked about how we can be good friends and help each other. God sent His son, Jesus, to earth to love and serve us. He loved us so much that He died on the cross for us! We want to share that great big love with others!. Ruth had a servant's heart and helped Naomi. We can help others too! We talked about how we can serve others at home and at school. We can help clean up toys, help our friends put away nap items, and help each other on the playground.

"The Son of Man (Jesus) did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28. We can look to Jesus as an example as we strive to think of others first and serve those in need.

Next week, we will learn about God calling Samuel. We can talk to God too through prayer and He will always listen!

Project Theme

We have been learning about life on a farm and where our food comes from. The preschoolers have been enjoying watching short video clips about how food gets from the farm to our tables! Did you know the carrots and potatoes grow under the ground? The preschoolers also did some tough brain work this week as they practiced counting and machining numbers 1- 5 and using different shapes to make scarecrows (spatial awareness). We also had a blast stamping with different vegetables. We enjoyed the beautiful weather that God blessed us with this week and spent some extra taking nature walks and soaking in God's creation!

Next, we will continue to learn about the farm by focusing on farm animals. We will compare and contrast different animals and even make some larger than life animals!



Home Connection

Wash, wash, wash your hands, wash those germs away! Did you know that you should be scrubbing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap or about the time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice? We wash our hands A LOT in preschool and we are working hard on washing all the germs down the drain, but please continue to model and teach good hand washing at home. Learning and getting into practice of washing hands before mealtimes, after using the restroom, and when getting home prompts a healthy lifelong habit for your child.

Here are a few tips:

- Have your child wet their hands and then turn off the sink water as the scrub for at least 20 seconds. This will prevent your child from rinsing the soap off too soon.
- Show your child how to scrub the tops, bottoms, and in between. Don't forget those thumbs too! They get so sad when we forget them!

Here is a link to a song we sing while washing our hands: [Hand Washing Song](#). This is a great song to model handwashing, but also make sure to include those thumbs and wrists too :)

Thank you for helping us be handwashing superheroes!!!

Save the Date

- November 23-27 -Thanksgiving Break

Overheard in the Classroom

"Oh wait, I just need to put water on my curls. Curls for the girls....."

"Hey, hey, you're making a square-crow!!!" (scarecrow)

"Watch out Mrs. Bohn, I think there is a shark AND snake in there" (when opening the mystery box)

"Looooook what I made! It's a candy cannon!"

"A candy cannon?"

"Yup, it shoots out candy!"

Student: "I am going to go duck hunting with papa"

Me: "Can I come too?"

Student: "Sure! But you'll need to be pretty sneaky"

Me: "I am not very good at being quiet"

Student: "Yeah, I can teach ya that"

Thank you for entrusting your child to us. School is a partnership between parents and teachers so please contact me with any questions, concerns, or even a funny story! I love to hear from you!