



Morning Star

SHINES!



“Children are our First Priority”

September 5th-9th:

I am Special and So Are You!

Everyone is special and has unique talents. This week will be spent exploring how special each one of us is.



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September 12th-16th:

Everyone Can Be Friends

Making and keeping friends is a lifelong skill we all need. We will be learning about how to make friends and keep them forever.



September 19th-23rd:

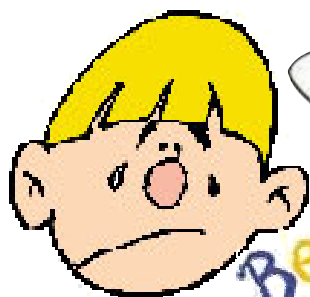
Please and Thank You

Manners is a lifetime skill; we all need to learn how to use our manners. The week will end with the Green, Red and Orange Stars attending Fancy Nancy's special tea party. Bring your manners and your special stuffed friend!

September 26th-30th:

Finding Our Feelings

Social and Emotional development is an important part of curriculum. Everyone has a right to how they feel. This week we will explore different ways to handle our feelings.



Be Happy!



September 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS September 2011

- ☆ September 5th-Labor Day-Center Closed
- ☆ September 1st-Cookie Dough Sales-CW
- ☆ September 12th & 13th, School pictures-CW
- ☆ September 16th-Immanuel Village visits-O
- ☆ September 21st-Cookie Dough Sales ends-CW
- ☆ September 22nd-Fancy Nancy Tea-GRO
- ☆ TBA-Feelings Presentation-GRO

LOOKING AHEAD

- ☆ October 5th-Cookie Dough Delivery
- ☆ October 5th-Fire Truck Visits-CW

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September 2011

Fine Arts

2011-2012

Date	Themes	Events	Event Dates	Class
September 2011		Humpty, Dumpty Month	Service Project-Immanuel Village	
5-9	I am Special and So Are You	Labor Day-Center Closed Fall Fundraiser Begins	Sept. 5 Sept. 7	G,R,O CW
12-16	Everyone Can Be Friends	Immanuel Village Visits	Sept. 16	O
19-23	Please and Thank You	Fall Fundraiser Ends Friendship Tea	Sept. 21 Sept. 22	CW G,R,O
26-30	Finding our Feelings	Feeling Presentation	TBA	G,R,O

SEPTEMBER	
5 th	Center Closed
12 th	Color
19 th	Cave Painting
26 th	Egypt



Fall Fundraiser

Packets for Gourmet Cookie Dough will be located in your parent folders. The cost of each tub is \$14. The tubs can stay in your refrigerator for 3 month, freezer 6 months! There are several incentives, please see the brochure.

The profits from this sale help us to continue current programs and bring in new programs throughout the school year.

School Pictures



School Pictures will be taken
September 12th & 13th.

- ☺ If your child attends on Monday, we'll take their pictures that day.
- ☺ If your child does not attend on Monday, plan on Tuesday.
- ☺ If your child does not attend on Monday or Tuesday, please bring them on Tuesday for their photo.

It's important that we get as many class members as possible for the class composite . Later in September you will have the option to take the pictures home and either purchase or return them.

Morning Star Classroom Chatter by Your Child's Teacher



White Stars—From birth to 12 months, this age is called “young explorers.” By playing with our babies we are engaging all their senses. Their eyes, ears, nose, hands, and mouth are their tools. We love watching them explore toys in new ways!

The White Star class is growing so fast. We are welcoming to our Lucia, Violet, Ezra and Colby. Wilson and Bode seem to enjoy seeing how many things they can pull up to in a day. Collin has begun to crawl. Adalyn is rolling over and over and over. Olivia will join the Blue Star class after Labor Day.

Please let the White Stars know if you are adding new foods or would like us to try finger foods to your child's menu.



Blue Stars- The Blue Stars continued learning Nursery Rhymes this month and it seems that Hickory Dickory Dock was the favorite, but Row, Row, Row Your Boat is still the favorite song. We have loved getting outside again and feeling the leaves, flowers, and grass. We will be talking a lot about leaves and changes soon.

Our friends are starting to say each other's names and the way the names come out is precious! It is so fun to watch them interact, as they learn and play together.

We will be welcoming Olivia next month, but will have to say “Good Bye” to Ian, as he moves on to the Purple Stars.



Purple Stars-What fun we had during “Up, Up and Away!” week as we saw a real hot air balloon being inflated. Some of us even bravely went up and touched it. We also enjoyed making and throwing paper and cardboard tube airplanes.

We were fascinated to watch bubbling raisins as we mixed together raisins, vinegar and baking soda. It made a lot of bubbles and the raisins floated up and down.

Ms. Kathy will miss the Purple Stars as she goes to teach in the Green Star room but can look forward to seeing them again when they are Green Stars. The Purple Star room has been left in the hands of the fun loving, caring Ms. Laura and Ms. Brette.



Green Stars—The Green Stars have some fun things planned for September. Some of us are getting used to the rooms and some of us are showing the others where all the toys are! Ms. Kathy, Ms. Molly, Ms. Jessie and Ms. Liz are enjoying singing new songs and reading to all the Green Stars. The new Green Stars are also enjoying the freedom of a larger playground! Older toddlers, with their physical abilities, problem-solving skills, and language, are eager for playmates! This is why the Green Stars are called “The Social Butterflies!”



Red Stars—August brought the end of a chapter & the beginning of another! I am so sad to see my 2010-2011 Red Stars head off to Orange Stars! Why must they grow up?! Ms Mayra and I had such a fun year with you all. By the way, Ms Mayra says “Hello!” =) The last week of August brought on many new Red Star faces! We have already had so much fun and the children are absolutely loving their new room! We went on a hunt to find the gingerbread man (I bet you've already heard all about this at home!) and as we traveled around the school looking for him we learned safety rules. Ask your child about the “magic walking feet dust.” It really is magic! Be sure to bring in those “All About Me” posters!



Orange Stars Pre-K—The Orange Stars are off to a wonderful new year! How exciting to get to play on the “big kid” playground and learn about a new room. This next month we will be discussing friendship, problem solving skills, qualities that make us “unique,” and feelings. The children will be creating a “feelings thermometer” to take home and share with you. Please make sure to keep your monthly calendar on your refrigerator to avoid missing any special events!

Director's Note:

Dear Parents,

We are off to an amazing year of Nursery Rhymes and Literacy! I have to admit, I've been putting your children in the wrong room....you can imagine my embarrassment when your child looks at me and says, “I am not a Green Star anymore Ms. Susan, I am a Red Star!” Where did the time go?

We are sad to announce the news that Ms. Melinda is leaving Morning Star. But, we are happy that she will be encouraging art to a larger audience as the Program Coordinator at the Norfolk Art Center...we are thrilled that she has had time to work with our new Fine Arts teacher, Ms. Ashley. Ms.

Ashley has her degree in Art History and has been working with in a Center since 2007. She is so happy to combine her love of children and art.

Another wonderful addition this year is Ms. Barbara. Ms. Barbara will be leading our Spanish special on Tuesdays. Please look for a introduction in your parent folders soon.

Our staff all attended a workshop on the Power of Play last week to kick off this school year. You might notice the colored bands on the staff's wrists. This is to encourage negative vs. positive prophecy. For example;

a quiet person is “inner directed”
a clingy person is, “connected”
a finicky person is, “discriminating”

It's a great way to rethink your thoughts! We love the positive feelings!

We're bringing the Lifetouch picture company back in September. We are very happy that we will be able to get a class composite for every class!

Thank you for sharing your children with us...we are having a ball!

Susan