



# *Miss Kathy's Newsletter*

September 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

## ***Monday/Tuesday***

- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will have time at the beginning of the day to manipulate “Watermelon” play dough, using play dough cookie cutters, scissors, rolling pins, etc.
- **Introduce the letter “C” and “Callie the Cat”**
- **Children will go on a letter “C” hunt in the classroom.**
- **Table Time Activity:** Children will paint in a “C” picture for their ABC Book.
- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will trace their names, using dot art.
- **Sensory Table** will be filled with water toys this week.
- **Graphing Activity:** “Are you a boy or a girl?”

## ***Wednesday/Thursday***

- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will have time at the beginning of the day to play with unifix cubes, mosaic magnet boards, snap builders, and pop builders.
- **Introduce “Happy Hands, Sad Hands”**
- **Table Time Activity:** Children will make “Kandinsky” circle pictures, using neon paper circles.
- **Vision Screening**
- **Open House on Thursday** from 6:30-7:00pm for the Tuesday/Thursday class and from 7:00-7:30pm for the Monday/Wednesday class.

## **Happy Hands, Sad Hands**

At circle time we will play a game where we will all stand in a circle and chant this rhyme:

Let's hold hands and circle 'round.

Now everyone, please sit down.

Place your hands in front of you.

And we will talk about what they can do.

I will explain to the children that “happy hands” are hands that do things to make others happy, like waving, rocking a baby, holding hands, or softly patting someone. Next, I will explain to the children that “sad hands” are hands that hurt others and make them sad, like pushing, shoving, throwing toys, grabbing a toy from someone else, or hitting. I will end our discussion by asking the children which kind of hands they would rather be around.

## **Storytime Books for the Week:**

- “Cookie’s Week” by Cindy Ward – This is a story about a cat named Cookie, who gets into trouble on every day of the week!
- “Mouse Paint” by Ellen Stoll Walsh – This is a story about three white mice who step into paint puddles, do a little dance, and make new colors!
- “It Looked Like Spilt Milk” by Charles G. Shaw – In this story, the children will find out that clouds in the sky can look like rabbits, birds, and ice cream cones!
- “Click, Clack, Moo, Cows That Type” by Doreen Cronin – In this story, Farmer Brown has a problem. His cows like to type. The cows type up letters to Farmer Brown telling him what they want, but when Farmer Brown says NO, the cows go on strike!