I am very excited about the upcoming week. The children are doing a great job following our routine and breaking into small groups. Now this week we will jump right into the format that we will use for most of the rest of the year. We will begin having a Letter of the Week, a Number of the Week, a Color of the Week and a Shape of the Week. We are starting with the letter Aa but we will not be progressing through the alphabet in order.

So here is what we will be discussing this week:

Letter of the week - Aa Number of the Week - 1 Color of the Week - red Shape of the Week - circle



This week we will begin to fill in our Alphabet Books. Every child will have his/her own book. The correlating page will be completed each week. On each page the children will trace the letter of the week (at the beginning of the year we will simply trace the letter with our finger). Then they will complete a few exercises about the letter of the week. For example they might get to choose a picture to <u>cut out</u> that begins with the letter of week, they will glue the picture into their book and color. Or they might need to find their way through a letter maze. Our ABC book is a combination of alphabet and fine motor skills.

Another new project we will begin this week is our crayon coloring books. The children will complete nine books and then box them up to bring them all home. We probably won't finish this project until mid/late December. The crayon books will support the Color of the Week program and help to introduce the children to reading a book with simple concepts such as the cover, front and back of the book, how many words on a page, letter recognition, etc. Also, it promotes fine motor skills and pencil/crayon grip.

The Number of the Week will count up from 1-20. Each week will focus on a different number. Once we get to 10 we will start again at 1 and then count up to 20. The Shape of the Week will reinforce the children's knowledge of all of the basic shapes.

Doesn't it sound like fun? Trust me that they should be tired at the end of the day. I know that I am.

This week we will be discussing and making projects about apples. We will also taste the different colored apples while we eat snack to see which one we like best.

Thank you for all your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. We are loving your children and getting to know them better.

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