

Pets
November 2011

Dear Folks at Home,

Our next two week unit will be on "Pets." The children will be learning that there are different kinds of pets, but all of need food, water, a home, exercise and attention. Different pets have different needs, and pets can be good friends to people. We will also be talking about specially trained dogs that also help people with a variety of special needs.

Our dramatic play area will be transformed into a "Pet Shop." Many children have pets at home and some may have a special animal in mind that they would love to have for a pet. The second week we will add medical items to care for the pets.

The first week we will be learning about Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6). God sent His angels to protect Daniel from the lions in the den. God sends His angels to protect us from harm and danger too!

The second week we will learn about praising God. God moves us to praise Him for all He has done for us, especially in sending Jesus to die on the cross and rise again. Do you pray as a family before meals, before meals and throughout the day? Let your child see you pray and read His Word, the Bible. Each day at school we have a special prayer person who prays during our Jesus time and we also pray before we eat. I love to hear the things that the children thank and praise God for! The staff also prays daily for the students in our care.

If you have a picture of your pet with your child(ren) or just a picture of your pet, please send it to school to put on a community bulletin board in the classroom. Please put your child's name on the back of the picture. Send the picture ASAP, and we will send the picture home after we are done looking at them and discussing the pictures. It will be great for your child to see their picture on a bulletin board in the classroom.

I am looking forward to meeting with you for conferences! I am truly blessed to be working with such wonderful children who each have different and unique gifts that they share with us at school! Thank you for entrusting your precious little ones to our care for their preschool education. If you have not signed up for a conference yet, please sign up or let me know if the listed times will not work for you.

Free-Choice Centers:

- *Science Center: Animal food matching with animals and animal home matching*
- *Sensory Centers: Goopy-goo, shaving cream with animals, hide dog bones in sand and fish in the water table*
- *Religion Center: Daniel and the Lions Den and Praise the Lord*
- *Art Table: Snake with koosh paint rings and clay sculpture pet*
- *Easel: Dogs and cats with daubers*
- *Letters of the Week: Gg and Hh*
- *Shape of the Week: fish and rhombus (formerly called diamond)*
- *Color of the Week: brown and black*

*"You are my God, and I will give you thanks, you are my God and I will exalt you."
Psalms 114:28*

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Important Dates to Remember:

- *Preschool Family Breakfast—Wednesday, Nov. 9*
- *On-line Book Orders Due—Thursday, Nov. 10*
- *Paper Book Orders Due—Friday., Nov. 11*
- *Cooking—Puppy Food*
Class 6—Wednesday, Nov. 16
Class 7—Thursday, Nov. 17
- *Parent Teacher Conferences—Nov. 21-23 (Please call if you have not set up a conference time.) Childcare is available from 8:30-3:30 while you have your child's conference.*
- *Thanksgiving Break—No School Thursday, Nov. 24—Friday, Nov. 25*
- *Parent Association Family Christmas Party—Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 6:30-8:00*
- *Christmas Program*
Class 7—Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 1:15
Class 6—Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 1:15

Songs and Fingerplays:

"Horsey, Horsey"

Horsey, horsey, on your way
(Slap hands on thighs to make a galloping pattern while singing)
We've been together for many a day
So let your tail go swish
(Move bottom as though you were swishing your tail)
As the wheels go round
(Move hands in circular motion, like a wheel)
Giddy up (clap) we're homeward bound

"My Dog Rags"

I've got a dog, his name is Rags.
He eats so much that his tummy sags
His ears flip-flop and his tail wig-wags and when he walks he zigs and he zags
Flip-flop, wig-wag, zig-zag
Flip-flop, wig-wag, zig-zag

God's blessings,

Marla Guenther

"You are my God, and I will give you thanks, you are my God and I will exalt you."
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