

# I Am Special

## Preschool Week 1

The preschoolers are off to an awesome start!! They have been busy learning new names, making new friends, and following new rules and routines! Students have also been working very hard at identifying their name on both their locker and nametag. Throughout the week students have been sharing why they are so special and unique and also learning about using their manners such as please and thank you, excuse me, saying I'm sorry, and how to politely share and join in a group of play.

Students spent the first two days exploring the classroom and interacting with their new friends. During circle time they played a ball game in which they tossed the ball around the circle. The student with the ball had to state their name. On Tuesday, we read the story *The Kissing Hand* and discussed missing our mom and dad while at school. During group time, students went around the circle and told us two things about themselves that makes them special. They also completed a painting project, which can be found in their folder. Throughout the week we have been going through the family photos and have been talking about their families and some of their favorite things. On Thursday, students played friendship bingo by identifying their new friends on a bingo sheet.

Next week's theme is Color My World. Students will be learning all about colors and mixing colors to make new ones. The next few weeks may be a refresher for students that attended preschool last year. However, we will eventually break up into groups according to the different levels of students in the classroom, which will allow us to work more individually with your child and in a smaller group setting according to their skill level.

**Paperwork** ~ Please return any paperwork you may still have! Paperwork includes gray emergency contact form, child questionnaire, the yellow contact sheet that was mailed with preschool info about a month ago, and the getting to know your child sheet.

**Family Photo** ~ We have started to go through our family photos during circle time. If your child has not brought one yet, please send it with them on Monday.

**Book Orders** ~ In your child's folder you will find book orders stapled together. Along with those book orders you will find information on how to order your books online. You may place your order online or you may send the order in your child's bag along with a check written out to **Scholastic** and I can place your order and mail in your check. If you would like to order books, the order needs to be placed by September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you stick an order in your child's bag, please be sure to let them know as we don't always check bags every day. If you have questions on ordering please don't hesitate to ask!

**Songs** ~ During circle time we have been learning some new songs. If you would like to check these songs out with your child go to youtube.com and type in Who Let The Letters Out by Dr. Jean and Country Countdown by Dr. Jean. We also get our hugs in for the day by listening to Charlotte Diamonds 4 Hugs A Day song which can also be found on youtube.

Students are off to a great start already which makes me that much more excited to be working with them! I can't wait to see the leaps and bounds they will be making throughout the school year! Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to work with your child!

“Children are not a distraction from more important work.  
They are the most important work.”

*John Trainer, M.D.*