

Dear Families,

Fall is here, and our "Beginning the Year" study is coming to a close! The children have successfully become acquainted with their new surroundings and school routines! They are now confident energetic learners!

During our study, the children learned important school basics such as the daily schedule, the layout of the areas, the location of the materials, and the names of their new friends and teachers. The children adjusted to their morning routine of placing their names into feelings cups, taking their name from the attendance board, and writing in their name on the sign-in board. The children now perform these tasks on their own each morning and assist others whenever they can. Our class feels so proud when they complete this morning routine! It's a small accomplishment that will help build their confidence for other activities like small groups, cleaning up toys, and participating at circle time.

The children also learned and reviewed the classroom rules (the listening rules) from the Second Steps program. Second Step is our social-emotional curriculum that teaches children healthy socialization techniques, problem solving skills, and behavior coping skills. The children all have learned to breathe out strong feelings with our pinwheel and take belly breaths.

Thank you for guiding your children through their first few weeks of school and helping them arrive and adjust to the routines. At the end of each study, we will have a special activity or event as a celebration of the children's learning. To end the Beginning The Year study, the children will be completing a scavenger hunt and will search in the areas for missing items like paint brushes, books, and blocks. The reward for finding all the items will be stickers and a dance party in our classroom!

Thank You Room #1 Miss Laura and Miss Pat