

Ms. Kelly Pre-K 2024

September Newsletter



Dear Families,

Welcome!!! I am so excited for the new school year. I hope you are too. It was great getting to see all of you in August. It was nice to meet new families and welcome back past families!

This will be a year filled with learning and lots of fun!!! During the first few weeks of school we will be working on finding our names, learning the routine, and getting to know one another. The letters we will be discussing are Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd & Ee. Our Themes are: Getting to know you, All about me, My Family, Families and Trees. I will be sending home an All About me form for you and your child to work on together. Please return as soon as you can.

In our classroom we have a "family tree", I am asking every family to send in a picture of their family, or a few, if needed. You can even include the family pets. I will display the pictures on the tree all year. The pictures will be returned at the end of the year.

Please dress the children to play, We get messy!!!! We go outside earlier in the morning so please send in a jacket, when needed. Also, athletic shoes are best for the playground, or at least closed toe shoes. Flip flops and dress shoes often slip off their feet and they will not be able to climb and/or ride the bikes.

There will be **No Pre-K** on Sept. 27.

The best way to communicate with me is through the Remind App (81010/text ms-kelly) You can also email me kzwierzchowski@sc.sgfp.org. Looking forward to an adventurous year!!

Love,

Ms. Kelly

Teacher: Ms. Kelly
September 3-6

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Study: Beginning of the Year

Exploring the Topic: Getting to Know You

	Monday	Tuesdays	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Interest areas	No School	Intro Basic materials Colored pencils and crayons Class mural	Intro Basic materials Markers Class Mural	Intro Basic materials Paint Sticks	Intro Basic materials Paint dotters
Large group		Head & shoulders Finding our names	Head & Shoulders Finding our names	Jack be Nimble Naming interesting things in our classroom	Jack be Nimble Naming interesting things in our classroom
Read-aloud		First Day Jitters	Wemberley Worried	The Kissing Hand	The Kissing Hand
Small group		Intro to Interest Areas Intro to Prayers	Intro to Interest Areas Intro to Prayers	Intro to Interest Areas Handprint Project	Intro to Interest Areas Handprint Project

Outdoor Experiences: Intro to outside play area and rules

Family Partnerships: Send in Family Photos

Wow! Experiences: The First Day of School!!

Teacher: Ms. Kelly
September 9-13

Study: All About Me

Letter :Aa

	Monday	Tuesdays	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Interest areas	Dramatic Play: dress up and babies Paint at the easel (all week)	Painting with large brushes on a paper plate-create an apple	Alphabet stampers	water color Painting with small brushes	collage materials cutting and gluing
Large group	Scarf Dancing Discussion and Shared Writing: Feeling Sad	Scarf Dancing Discussion and Shared Writing: Feeling Scared	If You're Happy And You Know It Discussion and Shared Writing: Feelings we have at school	If You're Happy and You Know It Discussion and Shared Writing: Why We Have Rules	Find something game Discussion and Shared Writing: What are Our Classroom Rules
Read-aloud	We don't Eat Our Classmates	Chrysanthemum	Will I have a Friend?	I'm Gonna Like Me	Leo the Late Bloomer
Small group	Intro to Religion Have You Filled a Bucket Today? Self Portrait	Intro to Religion Have You Filled a Bucket Today? Self Portrait	Puzzles Acorns to sort and count	Finding our Names in the classroom Height and Weight	Finding our Names in the classroom Height and Weight

Outdoor Experiences: Playground Rules Climbing, running

Family Partnerships: Send in family Photos

Wow! Experiences:

Week of: Sept 16-20

Teacher: Ms. Kelly

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My Family

Focus Questions: Who are the people in your family?
Letter Bb

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Interest Areas	Toys and Games: interlocking building materials, e.g., LEGO® bricks Painting with blocks	Painting with a Bouncy Ball	Balloon Print painting	Lacing Beads to create a bracelet	Painting with small brushes and water paints to Flight of the BumbleBee
Large Group	Chant: “Are You Ready?” Discussion and Shared Writing: The Stand Up Song- Expressing knowledge of self Going on a Bear Hunt	Movement: Move to the Beat Discussion and Shared Writing: The Stand Up Song- Expressing knowledge of self Going on a Bear Hunt	Chant: “Are You Ready?” Discussion and Shared Writing: How many people are in my Family?Graph	Rhyme: “Hickory Dickory Dock” Discussion and Shared Writing: How many people are in my Family?Graph	Clap a friend's name with me Discussion and Shared Writing: Extended Family
Read-Aloud	All are Welcome	A World of Families	Love is a Family	<i>Are You My Mother</i>	<i>The Relatives Came</i>
Small Group	The Name Game Family Counters-Family members counting game Religion(all week)	Can You Find It? Bear sorting game	Can You Find It? This is me in Sept.	Where does it belong? Bug Sorting Game This is me in Sept.	Where does it belong? Bug Counting game
Outdoor Experiences: Discussing safety and rules before riding the bikes with helmets, Bouncing Balls					
Family Partnerships: Continue to send in family pictures					

Week of:Sept.23-26

Teacher: Ms. Kelly

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Families

Focus Question: Are all Families the same?
Letter Cc

	Monday	Tuesdays	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Interest areas	Painting with cars	White puffy paint on blue paper	Cutting a circle Add fingerprints to create a Choc. Chip Cookie	Painting with a fork Creating a black Cat	No School
Large group	Morning Yoga Why do we have rules?	Morning Yoga What are our rules?	Scarf Dancing What are our rules?	Scarf Dancing What are our rules?	
Read-aloud	Clifford's Family	It looks like Spilt Milk	If you Give a Mouse a Cookie	We are all alike We are all different	
Small group	Magnet blocks Religion(all week)	Sensory Bin Tues & Wed	Cutting activity Light up table with Shapes	Cutting activity color stones with mats	

Outdoor Experiences: Climbing ladders, Colored Chalk
Family Partnerships:
Wow! Experiences:

Week of: October 2-6 **Teacher:** Ms. Kelly

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Study: Trees
we want to find out?

Exploring the Study: What do we know about trees? What do

Letter Dd & Ee

Picture Day 10/02 & 10/03

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Interest Areas	Painting a large Egg cutout to create a Dinosaur Egg	coloring and gluing making a doughnut	Crayon and leaf rubbings W & TH	Colored Pencils with an elephant cutout	sponge painting a dog cutout
Large Group	Movement: A Tree My Size Discussion and Shared Writing: The Sizes of Trees	Song: "The Green Grass Grows" Discussion and Shared Writing: What Will We See on Our Tree Hunt? What Do We Know About Trees?	Movement: Growing Tree Discussion and Shared Writing: What Do We Know About Trees? What Will We See on Our Tree Hunt?	Movement: A Tree My Size Discussion and Shared Writing: What Do We Want to Find Out About Trees?	Song: "The Green Grass Grows" Discussion and Shared Writing: What Do We Want to Find Out About Trees?
Read-Aloud	<i>Our Tree Named Steve</i>	<i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i>	<i>Trees Count</i>	<i>Elmer the Elephant</i>	<i>Harry the dirty Dog</i>
Small Group	Measuring Tree Parts Observing our tree collection Religion(all week)	puzzles Dinosaur number puzzle	ABC locks Dinosaur figures in block area	Measuring Tree Parts	Sorting and measuring leaves

Outdoor Experiences: Taking a tree walk around the school &/church

Family Partnerships: We encourage families to take their children for a walk around their neighborhood to examine the trees they see. Bring a small bag and help the children gather interesting parts that have fallen, such as leaves, twigs, acorns, nuts, and bark. Please take some time to talk with your children about your own childhood experiences with a tree, e.g., climbed a tree, enjoyed a picnic in the shade of a tree, or watched animals in trees. Send your collections into the class.