

Friday, August 31, 2007

Dear Parent,

This week your child brought 2 books home called My Book and Shapes. Please take the time to sit with your child and have him/her read the books to you. If your child forgets some of the words, please help him/her by telling him/her what the word is. Ask your child questions about the pictures such as, "What did you color?" or "What did you sing?" I'm sure your child will be glad to tell you all about it!

Every week your child will be bringing small books home. This would be a great time for your child to start his/her very own personal library. Please take the time to sit and read the book with your child. Your child will be able to remember some of the words all by him/herself! Praise him/her when he/she is able; he/she will be so happy! Other books require you to read the words, and your child will supply the words that he/she remembers. Try to keep the books in a place that your child can get them out and practice reading them again and again. These books are theirs to keep and enjoy!

Each week in our class we will study a theme. This week our theme is "Shapes". Every day in class we will read a Big Book (your child's little book is an exact copy of the Big Book, only smaller). In addition we will read many other books that are related to our weekly themes. We do activities and have discussions centered on the theme.

If your child brings home papers that are not complete, they did not do the work in class. They may complete the papers at home if they wish but do not send them back to school.

Thank you to those who have completely filled out, signed and returned the many papers that came home in that large packet on the first day. Those signed papers help us in many ways here at school. If you haven't had time, please read through them, sign where appropriate and return as soon as possible, especially the emergency card.

**Be sure to label the things your child brings to school. It really helps when there are identical lunch boxes, jackets or backpacks.**

Back-To-School Night is Wednesday, Sept 5. It is a chance for parents to come and find out what will be happening in their children's classes. Back-To-School Night will begin with a general meeting in the cafeteria at 7:00 PM. There will be a book fair in the library beginning at 6:30 PM. There will be two 20-minute sessions in classrooms for parents to attend.