

Country Acres Newsletter

September - October 2021

Beginning of the Year Study



What's Happening Now

9/7 - First Day of School

9/20 - Back to School Night (virtual)

10/23 - Family Fun Day/ Book Fair

10/29 - Halloween Trunk or Treat (tentative)

Looking Ahead

11/5 - School closed/no daycare available

11/24 - Thanksgiving Feast in AM, Before care/AM session only, school closes at 12noon

11/25-26 - Closed for Thanksgiving

Creative Curriculum Learning Studies

This year we will again be fully immersed in Creative Curriculum. During the first 6 weeks of school we will be implementing the Beginning of the Year Study, which involves learning how to be in our classroom. We will explore all of the centers and learn all the awesome things we can do in them and how to clean up all our materials when we finish using them. We will learn about the people in our school and their names, our families, and how to be a friend. Throughout the year we will be learning through a variety of studies including our next study, Balls. Each study lasts about six weeks.

A Sneak Peek at Our Learning Centers

Art: We have crayons, markers, paper, paint, playdoh, cardboard shapes...all things we can use to draw and create 2D and 3D art!

Blocks: We can build with solid and hollow wood blocks and cardboard blocks of all shapes! We can build from pictures displayed in the center and incorporate people, cars, and animals into our buildings.

Dramatic Play: We can play with the kitchen set, cook, make shopping lists, and take care of baby dolls. We can use the toy vacuum or mop and clean the floors.

Fine Motor: We will put together puzzles, practice cutting with scissors, and string beads among other activities, to help strengthen our fine motor skills.

Library: We can explore a variety of books on our own or listen to a story read by a teacher. If we want some extra quiet we can sit in the pod chair.

Music: We will explore a variety of instruments while making music and dancing around with friends.

Science: We will learn about and practice how to be a scientist, and explore the world around us with magnifying glasses, magnets, and scales. We can practice measuring with sand and measuring tools too! We can watch a plant grow that we're growing from seeds.

Cozy Corner: Cozy corner is a place in the classroom where we can go to be alone and get some quiet time. There is a tent to sit inside and some fidget toys, notebooks and markers to occupy us if we want.