



**Bobbie Noonan's Child Care
Palos Hills**

JUNIOR JOURNAL
Weeks of 8/20 and 8/27
Getting Acquainted/Manners



Introduce: Aa, Bb

Fable: The Lion and the Mouse

Expressive Vocabulary: blurt: *to say suddenly*

Bits of Intelligence: Mammals

Manners: #1-Try to share #2-Use words, no hitting

Happy Birthday Leonardo Fajardo 8/30

School closed Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day (full tuition is due)

Dear Students and Parents,

We would like to take this time to welcome back all of our previously enrolled families and friends, along with extending a special welcome to all of our new friends who have just joined our Bobbie Noonan Family. It seems hard to believe that a new school year is upon us! This newsletter is our way of keeping you informed of the bountiful activities and lessons we have planned for your little learners, as well as school events. It is important that every newsletter be read (perhaps posted on the fridge?) as you will gather much information from it.

The focus these first two weeks of school will be getting acquainted with each other and our environment and incorporating proper manners in a social setting. During the next two weeks we will introduce the letters A and B, along with the colors red & blue. Our special puppet friend Taffy Apple will make a surprise visit at the end of the week to welcome and meet the children as well as help with review! We will be introducing our first group of Bit Cards. The theme for this set is mammals. These are a lot of fun for the children. Manners #1 - Try to share and #2 - Use words, no hitting, will also be introduced this week.

Our morning preschool runs from 9:00 am until 12:00p.m. Please arrive between 8:45a.m. and 9:00a.m. During class time your child travels through three different classes, spending approximately 45 minutes in each class. Each class is taught by a separate teacher. This newsletter has a general overview of each of the class times that your child participates in every day.

Our Language Arts room is taught by Ms. Jo. In our Language Arts classroom, we will not only be singing and enjoying music with the children but will also be working on letter recognition, phonics and creative drama. One of Ms. Jo's favorite things is stories, whether they are flannel board, puppet stories or books we will be enjoying a vast variety.

Our Craft and Writing room is taught by Miss Natalie. She is very excited to be in the Art room. In our Junior Art and Craft room fine motor skills will be sharpened through activities that will include cutting, pasting, drawing and coloring as well as our weekly readiness papers. We are very proud to display our art, so save plenty of room on your refrigerator!

Our concept room is taught by Mrs. Lynn who has been with us for 24 years. She is looking forward to teaching the children number concepts, shapes, science discovery, as well as days of

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the week and months of the year. The children will also be taught to work independently and use manipulatives that stress small muscle coordination. This class will be one of your child's favorites.

Our motor activities which are incorporated into each of our three classes help develop the gross motor skills through various activities and games. Our backyard playground is a favorite, as is the indoor obstacle course. Listening skills are reinforced through activity CDs.

If your child attends school before or after class it is considered daycare. After class time, lunch is served followed by nap time. After nap the children enjoy daycare activities.

REMINDERS

Please label all of your child's belongings!

* Each child will need to keep a change of clothes at school. Please put these in a sealed Ziploc bag labeled with their first and last name and keep in their backpacks or cubbies.

* Each child will need a back pack everyday. This will allow them to easily carry papers and projects home from school without fear of losing them. Please label their backpacks with first and last name.

* Each child should wear comfortable clothes and shoes suitable for outdoor play - please no sandals; **gym shoes** are the best!

We are eager to get to know each of your children and are looking forward to providing them with a unique and rewarding educational experience. Please remember the lines of communication are always open. We will be happy to discuss with you any items of concern you may have about your child.

***Thank You,
Miss Natalie, Mrs. Lynn, and Ms. Jo***

**If your child uses a pillow for naptime we would prefer a travel size pillow rather than a standard size pillow due to limited space.

**Please make sure ALL bedding articles are clearly labeled.

**Please leave all toys and jewelry at home. We will not be responsible for lost or misplaced items. If your child comes to school with "extra things" they will remain in their cubbies. Your child is allowed to bring 1 small stuffed animal for nap time.