Week 8 Term 3 2019

Hello to all of our Little Explorers and their explorer guides.

What a fabulous attendance we had last week, despite the inclement weather. I would like to welcome all of the new families who attended. Thank you for joining in, especially at group time. It is so wonderful to have parents show their children that dancing, singing and listening to stories can be fun.

Our Playgroup is based on the Abecedarian Approach (3a) that aims to help parents actively engage in their child's play thereby improving their child's language skills. Each week our 'Little Explorers' have the opportunity to explore 3a Learning Games. These Learning Games are designed to be playful adult-child interactions. They are fun and simple and designed to go back and forth between partners. The Learning Games have simple instructions and a clear intention of what your child will be learning from this game. For more information https://3a.education.unimelb.edu.au/assets/3a-public/downloads/3A- LearningGames-Booklet.pdf

This week we are considering the weather and the seasons.

Learning Game 4 "Calm Your Baby" helps babies from birth to 6 months learn that you love them. They learn that they can trust you. They can use their voice to call you. They learn that you will come when they call you and that you will help calm them.

Learning Game 22 "Introducing Strangers" " helps babies aged between 6 and 12 months learn to feel comfortable with new people. They learn to feel safe in your arms. They learn new words.

Learning Game 46 "Hide and Seek" helps children aged between 1 and 2 years learn to solve problems by moving and doing. They learn to initiate activities.

Learning Game 82 "A Choose the Doll's Clothes" helps children aged between 2 and 3 years learn to make choices. They learn to hear and say new words for clothes and to practice saying colour names.

Learning Game 108 "Planting Together" helps children aged between 3 and 4 years learn about responsibility. They learn to share tasks and to co-operate.

Learning Game 154 "Find and Collect" helps children aged between 4 and 5 years learn to notice things around them. They learn to stay interested in things over time. They learn to develop their own likes and dislikes.

Signing on and Off

It is very important that all adults sign on and off every time they attend Playgroup. This is a legal requirement in addition to Health and Safety. For example, if we need to evacuate in the event of a fire we are required to notify the Fire Department of the exact number of adults and children who are on the premises.

This information is used purely to keep us safe. We need to know that everyone is accounted for. Your details are not shared. Please assist us in this by having every adult in your party sign in and out every time you attend playgroup.

Next Thursday, 12th September, Sue from Lowood library will be visiting us.

I'm looking forward to see you Thursday.
Happy playing and talking.

Helen Levitt

Playgroup co-ordinator