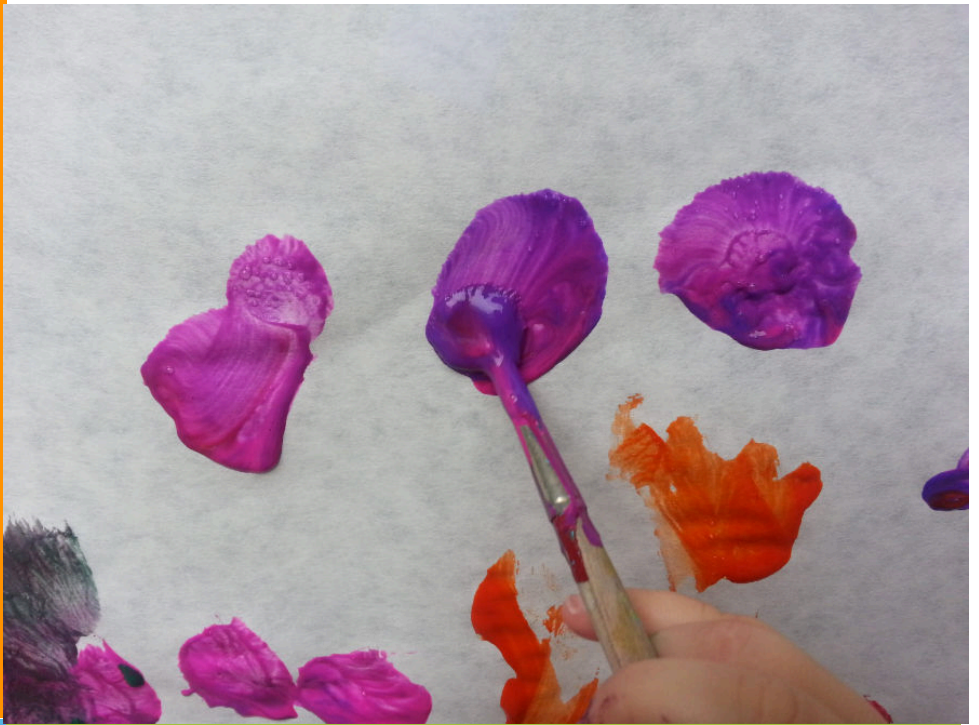




# Hummingbird News

*Autumn Edition  
Read me!*

September 2015



With our thoughts we make the world.  
\*Buddha



## Weather Prep

### Extra! Extra Clothes!

Please swap out your child's extra clothes for **autumn** wear (located in their *ziplock* bags).

### Brrr, Chilly Mornings!

Sometimes the children get cold on the playground in the mornings. Could you please consider leaving a **hoodie** in your child's canvas bag for use as needed? And PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING! Thx!

## Daily Routines

Now that we have reached month two of this school year, the children are starting to get the hang of our daily routines as well as how to take care of our classroom and one another. They remember that after snack we gather on the big green rug for Morning Meeting to sing songs and read a book. We are working on meeting mats so the children can give each other personal space. Often, we use the phrase "gentle hands" to encourage kindness.

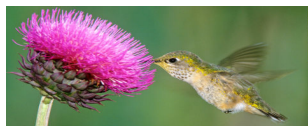
## Large Block Play

It all begins with one child moving the large blocks, then another child joins in, and another until the blocks are in a line formation on the floor, and all the children are taking turns climbing or walking across the "bridge" with gleeful concentration. They learn to go back to the beginning block to play the game again.



## Wish List:

- \* Lots of dry rice, pasta, corn, beans, etc. for our sensory table
- \*Some pretty pansies for our flowerpots on the back deck



## Field Trip to Constitution Lakes

After receiving feedback from some of you lovely parents, it seems that the best day to go to Constitution Lakes would be on a Friday.

We're thinking about planning for **October 2nd**.

Caroline can fit up to four car seats in her car. Rachel will drive Kristi's car and can have up to four as well.

Therefore, we need *TWO* parents to come along on the field trip as well in order to transport his/her child and help out.

The trip will take place between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you can accompany us on this exciting trip!

## Baby Care

Some children have taken a huge interest in baby care. We have observed them shushing and rocking the baby dolls, bottle feeding, and even swiping diapers from their own cubbies to diaper them. Do you have any **leftover newborn diapers** for our baby area? We also thought they would enjoy giving the babies a real bath, so if you have a gently used **baby bath** we would love to have it.



## Songs of Interest:

The children absolutely love singing songs as a class, and it seems to calm them when things get too energetic in the classroom. During Morning Meeting, the song box is brought out and children choose a song card that features a visual aid along with the song title. We use hand motions to go along with many of the songs, which the children enjoy miming as well.

Featured below are two song cards that the children have enjoyed recently, *Bingo* and *Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes*:



## Upcoming Calendar Events:

- Sept. 29: Dine-Out at Maddio's in Edgewood (all day)
- Oct 3: Parent's Night Out with Mandy & Caroline from 6-10 pm