

# Seed to Sprout

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## THIS MONTH

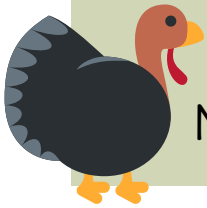
The 3 Billy Goats Gruff will be the storytelling focus for November. I have been so impressed with how well the kids have done picking up the details of the stories we've learned!

Book orders will be coming home this week. This order will arrive in time for Christmas, and books are great for gift-giving! Orders will be due November 24th.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 21 Friendship Feast  
Nov. 22-23 NO SCHOOL  
Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 24 Book Orders Due



## REMINDER!

Check the extra set of clothing in your child's backpack to ensure it is appropriate for the changing weather, and don't forget to send weather-appropriate clothing for outdoor play.

## AFFIRMATIONS



I'm doing a great job

I'm so happy I'm alive



## RECYLABLES

Please collect the following recyclable items this month:



Baby food  
containers & lids  
(glass or plastic)

# WHY PLAY??

## LITERACY PLAY: A PATHWAY TO READING SUCCESS AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Often, the development of literacy skills in young children is associated with the use of flashcards, worksheets, and structured reading sessions. Yet, studies have demonstrated that infusing everyday play with literacy-based activities presents a wealth of benefits.

### BOOSTS VOCABULARY

Children are exposed to new words while discussing pretend scenarios, describing objects, and narrating stories during play, effectively building vocabulary from an early age.



### STRENGTHENS NARRATIVE SKILLS

Reenacting favorite stories with props and acting out made-up tales using "reader's theater" develops narrative structure and story grammar.

### NURTURES LETTERS AND SOUNDS

Activities like identifying environmental print, sorting alphabet toys, and recognizing letter sounds in songs and poems, establish foundational knowledge of phonics.



# Literacy PLAY

## SPARKS AN INTEREST IN READING AND WRITING

Representing story sequences with drawings and "writing" notes and lists on pretend notepads motivates children to engage with print.

## MAKES LEARNING FUN

Play provides a joyful context for introducing literacy concepts before formal reading instruction begins.

By promoting literacy play, we enable children to practice essential skills in the most natural and engaging way possible, setting the stage for a lifetime of reading success and a love for learning. So the next time your child stages an elaborate tea party or dons a superhero cape, participate by describing what's happening, asking open-ended questions and using phonetically rich language--all within the context of play!



"PLAY GIVES CHILDREN A CHANCE TO PRACTICE WHAT  
THEY ARE LEARNING."

FRED ROGERS

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