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EC 6 Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term Two is going to be very busy one. It is a long day and we are all appreciating our rest time after lunch. The children really enjoy their playing time and love having a big kid's lunch time.

Literacy skills We will continue to work with each group to help develop pre literacy skills. These skills include playing with syllables, initial sounds, and rhyming. The children are starting to listen for the initial sound their names make and are trying to think of other words that start with that sound. The children love working out the initial sound their names have. We will be using cued articulation signs to go with each sound. I have a chart at school if you would like more information.

Makaton and Cued Articulation: The children know some Makaton signs (sign language) and will be learning some hand signs for the sound their name starts with. The signs will help the children remember where to position their mouth to make the sound.

Names We are still encouraging children to not only recognize their name but to have a go at writing their name independently. Can you remind your child to print their name with a starting capital letter and then to use lower case. If they have mastered writing their name they can learn to write the names of their family members.

Fruit-Time and lunches Thank you for sending in lunches with healthy choices. Please get your child to practise opening and closing containers and food wrap by themselves. We will still help if needed but will be encouraging the children to be as independent as they can.

We would like to ask that you vary the healthy choices sent in for shared morning tea. You can for example send in cheese, celery, capsicum, broccoli and the occasional rice cracker snack. Please remember to be peanut aware. We also need to be egg aware as we have a child in the kangaroos with a severe allergy to egg. The children are enjoying experimenting with the different tastes. They are also using fruit time to discuss their choices and ideas.

Learning Ukrainian: I have a Ukrainian background and I would like to teach the children some simple phrases. These include good-morning children, thank you and counting to ten in Ukrainian. I will also been teach them a fun song called Cuckoo that my mother taught me! They will love it as it is a peek-a-boo song and I am sure they will enjoy learning it.

More Languages: If you speak another language at home and would like to share this skill with us please come and see me and we can write up the phrases for Good-morning, Goodbye and thank you. We will be looking at a world map to work out where different countries are.

Parent/Carer Help Roster There are a number of vacancies with both groups on our rosters. We would love for you to come in and help us. The children are always thrilled to have you in to help. You can come in the morning or the afternoon or be brave and stay the full day.

Reminders

- Water only in drink bottles.
- Please label all items including clothes and bottles.
- Keep a spare set of clothes in your child's bag.
- Please label all lunch containers.
- Fruit/vegetables for shared morning tea.

Voluntary Contributions

Can you remember if you have updated your contribution? You can check with the front office if you are not sure. It is \$60 for the year or \$15 per term.

How you can keep helping your child at home.

- Encourage your child to hold a pencil correctly.
- Sing nursery rhymes and read rhyming stories.
- Make up silly rhymes with family names.
- Count out various items-ask them how many plates are needed at dinner-time, how many oranges are in the bag etc.
- Body beat syllables in words with your child and help them identify the beginning sound in words.
- Go for a shape hunt and find squares, rectangles, triangle etc.
- Play "Eye Spy" using the initial sound in words.

Thank you for your co-operation

Mary Genovese
26th April 2017