

Preschool Weekly News

from Mrs. Lauren & Mrs. Megan's Class



What a great first week we had!

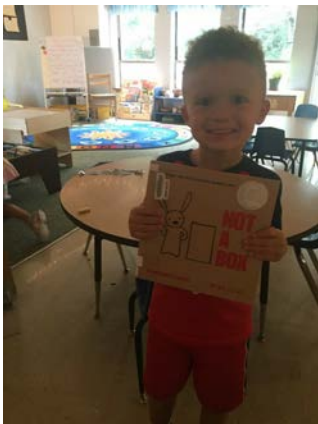
We had so much fun during the first three days of Preschool at Redwood! We really took the time to meet our new friends, learn about our school, and establish a loving, inviting, and playful environment in our classroom that we will continue to foster throughout the school year.



Here are some of the fun things we did together:

- Shared books about starting school (i.e. *The Kissing Hand*, *How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?*, and *David Goes to School*)
- Took a tour of our whole school (inside and out)...visiting the chickens was a hit!
- Learned about how to use the recycling bin in our classroom.
- Brainstormed ideas for the classroom jobs we would all like incorporated into our room for our classroom job board.
- Learned all about the building center, library center, and dramatic play center and PLAYED!
- Explored our playground.. even in the rain





It's NOT a box!

On Friday, during our whole-group activity block, we read the book *Not a Box* by Antoinette Portis together. Afterwards, we dragged in bunches of big cardboard boxes we had been saving and let the kids decide what they wanted to turn the boxes into. Just as we suspected, they needed no help coming up with fantastic ideas. It was a really fun community building activity. Everyone worked together!

Here are some of the ideas the children had for our creations:

- House (and... a kitty house, a snake house, a dog house, a shed...)
- Rocket ship
- Optimus Prime
- Robot





Coming up...

This week we will continue to ease into Preschool at Redwood with lots of play while also reviewing and establishing our school expectations.

All About Me!

We will also begin an 'All About Me' project theme this week. In addition to all of the unstructured play we incorporate into our day, we will be reading books and participating in activities that focus on attributes that make us unique (emotions, families, likes and dislikes, and our bodies and senses).

All students will be coming home with an "All About Me" bag in their backpacks (many of these have already gone home. If your child has not brought theirs home yet, please look for it in their backpack in the first couple days of school this week. There are instructions on each bag about the items to put inside. Each child will have the opportunity to share their special bag with their friends.

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday friends will need to return their All About Me Bags on Wednesday, August 22nd.

5 day friends and Thursday/Friday friends will need to return their bags on Friday, August 24th.

All items will be returned home in their bags after sharing.



Working Parents for 8/20-8/24



- Mon. 8/20: Greer
- Tues 8/21: Owens
- Weds 8/22: Stump
- Thurs 8/23: Cowen
- Fri 8/24: Phillips

Reminders



- We are no longer having an afternoon snack. Your child will only need to bring a lunch and one snack daily. If attending extended day, it is important to include an extended day snack as well.
- Thank you for labeling! Please continue to label all of your child's items and food. Please mark which food items are for snack.
- Please encourage bathroom independence for school.

Thank you for sharing your special children with us!

Love, Mrs. Lauren & Mrs. Megan

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