

Welcome to our Wee Know Oriole classroom! We are excited to meet all the new Oriole children and families! This year we plan to introduce our preschoolers to many interesting concepts that help them learn about themselves and the world around them in a supportive and nurturing environment. It is our belief that children learn through play and exploration. Through each topic your child will discover and practice new skills that will ultimately help them grow in social and emotional confidence giving them a strong foundation for future learning.

Meet the Teachers

The Oriole teaching team includes Michelle Foster and Peter Theis

<u>Michelle Foster</u> is new to Wee Know this fall. She has an elementary education degree and has worked with preschool children since 2010 as a 3K teacher and preschool director. Michelle is looking forward to teaching in the Oriole room this year!

<u>Peter Theis</u> originally joined our school-age after school program in 2019 before coming to our Hwy 83 location. Peter loves planning activities that are science-focused and helping children make predictions. He will begin his fifth year as an assistant teacher in and is looking forward to a great school year with the children!

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES & THEMES

Sept. 3 - 5

Sept. 8-12



Sept. 15-19

Sept. 22-26



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Getting Acquainted

The first week of school will focus on getting used to and exploring our classroom, new friends and teachers, and daily routines. We will learn everyday songs, work on art to decorate our room, and become acquainted with each other's names and the rules of the classroom. During circle time we will be reading the book <u>The Kissing Hand</u> and creating their own kissing hand to keep with them here at school.

All About Insects

This week the Orioles will dive into our insect theme. We will learn about all the different types of insects in the world around us. We will focus on the life cycle of butterflies this week and watch the live Monarch caterpillars in our classroom grow, change into chrysalis' and then butterflies which we will have fun releasing outside. Our sensory table will be filled with bugs hiding in the grass for the kids to hunt and we will read a variety of books about insects.

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During our second week of insect investigation, we will venture outside for a bug scavenger hunt and creating some fun caterpillar and butterfly crafts to decorate our classroom. Also this week we will be creating a fun caterpillar snack for the kids to enjoy!

Fire Safety

We'll start this week with a visit from the fire department! We will learn about Stop, Drop & Roll and things that are hot and things that are not. Books like <u>The Fire House</u> and <u>My Mom is a Firefighter</u> are a few favorites we'll be reading this week.

Farm Fun

Our next theme we will be explore is the world of farms and the farm animals that belong or don't belong on the farm. We will learn some fun farm songs and read various farm books. We will have puzzles and farm toys for the children to play with along with dress up clothes related to working on a farm. This will prepare our children for the farm field trip in October.

Your Oriole Teachers,

Ms. Michelle \mathcal{E}_{T} Mr. Peter



MONTHLY NEWS & SNACK CALENDAR

Each month a "Classroom Newsletter" and "Snack Calendar" will be sent to you via email. You may request a paper copy by contacting our office staff. We ask each family to bring a "morning" snack for our class about once every four to six weeks. Please review the classroom calendar to see if your child has been assigned a snack day. Healthy snacks are recommended and Wee Know will always provide milk and water. A list of snack ideas will be handed out at the "Meet & Greet" for your reference. Please bring 17 snacks on your child's snack day. Due to NAC (National Accreditation Guidelines) homemade snacks are not allowed. Prepared food being shared among children must be commercially prepared. If fruit or vegetables are sent, please leave in original packaging.

Save the Date....

Ebert's Pumpkin Farm: Wednesday, October 16th

