

## Learning while we play,

## Welcome to four - year - old kindergarten.

Well, we just finished our first week of school. If your kids have not all ready told you, I will say- it was a lot of fun. This week, my goal was to work on the classroom routine with the students. We made our class rules, talked about how the day would go, and took a tour of the room. The students where allowed to explore and discover the room that we will be in for the rest of the year. I was overioyed to see how easy the children settled into the school environment. As I have stated before, I have worked with children for many years and know, as I'm sure you do, that working with this age group can lead to some unpredictable discoveries! Last week

also gave me time to really work with your children, and I can honestly say what a good bunch they are. I can tell already that this will be a good year. They are polite to each other in the classroom and eager to learn.

This week, we are going to be working on our social skills. In our large group time, I will talk about what it means to be a part of a group and how we work together. We will talk about how we are each unique individuals who bring our own special skills and personalities to the large group and make working together a fun experience. Monday, our project will be making selfportraits and writing something special about ourselves. We will display our self-portraits as individual students that make up a class just like the unique colors that make up a pretty picture. We'll talk about being a part of
group and what that means, focusing on teamwork. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, we'll talk about what it means to be a friend and practice how to work out our disagreements.

## Important Updates

Hey parents and guardians! As a team, the 4-k teachers have decided to do home visits with the students from their classes. But don't panic! These home visits are not mandatory; they are completely voluntary. We agreed that this would just be a good way to get to know you and your children outside of school. What I ask is you contact me if you would like to do a home visit with the times that work best for you. Fridays are the time that would be most convenient for me. This does not mean that it is the only time that I am available. If there is a time that works best for you and your work schedule please let me know.

