



Preschool Newsletter

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Chris & Cooper

This week, we continued to explore ways in which we take care of ourselves. Our three rules of engagement are: "I take care of myself; I take care of others; I take care of the things around me." Everything we do in the classroom has a direct link to one of these rules. Chris & Cooper are our classroom puppets. They are special puppets that are reserved for teachers to use during group times. Chris & Cooper are best friends and they are in Kindergarten. In preschool, they faced many of the same challenges the children face. When the puppets present a story, there is usually a problem. The children then help to generate solutions to the problem. Often, it is easier to see solutions when we are not in the midst of a crisis and the same is true for children. They are able to brainstorm appropriate ways to handle common situations and try their ideas out in a non-threatening way. This week, Chris told us about the time she didn't take a bath even though she told her Daddy that she did. The story dealt

with the importance of being honest with the grown ups who care about them and why it is important to clean yourself thoroughly! As we move into discussing how to take care of each other, Chris & Cooper will remember times when they weren't so kind to each other and the children will help them solve their problems.



Everyone needs to take a bath...even guinea-pigs!

The children practiced washing babies in the water table. They dried them, dressed them and fed them. Later in the week, the children helped to bathe our classroom pets...the guinea-pigs. We used warm water in the water table and the children gently rubbed animal soap into them rinsing them by pouring water from a pitcher. The children then bundled them in a towel and fed them their favorite treats. To ensure that they were dry, we lightly blow dried them afterwards which was the children's favorite part!





Laundry Day!

On the topic of washing...we talked about how cleaning our clothes is taking care of ourselves. We used the large parachute as our washing machine. The children had to wait for their name to be called and then take their turn to lie beneath the parachute pretending to be dirty laundry. The other children squeezed in the "soap" and "washed" them by moving the parachute side to side. This took a lot of coordination and team work! We then "dried" the friends by moving the parachute in an up and down motion.



Next Week...

We will delve more into the idea of taking care of each other. To begin, we will look at our similarities and our differences creating portraits of ourselves and each other. We will offer lots of partner games to build interaction with different peers and think with the children about techniques that they can use for problem solving and playing with others.

Please note: We conduct "uku" checks every Monday. Please stay for a couple of minutes while your child has their hair checked. This is just a precaution to prevent any case of head lice spreading. Mahalo!

