

Classroom Enrichment & Community Building

This year, we will have many new faces in our classroom. One way I like to build community is by inviting each student to engage in Three-Minute Talks and taking responsibility of the Sharing Basket throughout the year. Each of these activities allows both your child and myself to learn more about the members of our classroom. This will instill a sense of familiarity and respect for one another. Please refer to the schedules on the second page for when your child will be going.

Three-Minute Talk Directions: Three-minute talks are very short speeches that your child researches and composes on a topic of his/her choice. These speeches should only last 3-5 minutes in length, and some sort of visual is required. Your child is allowed to have a few notecards, but s/he must practice giving the speech (aloud!) at home for flow and comfort. Topics can describe a process/procedure ("How to..."), expand on topics related to classroom lessons, or inform the class about a topic using supporting details. I will give the first speech at school so that your child sees the process and expectations more clearly. A good way to begin the speech might sound like: "Hello. Today I will be informing you (the class) about..." I have seen many creative topics discussed, such as: how to make potpourri, the moons of Saturn, how to play baseball, things to do in Cincinnati, types of animals in my back yard, how to bake a pie, and many more! Remember, this is an opportunity for your child to share a bit of his/her personality with the community!

Sharing Basket Directions: Each Friday the Sharing Basket will come home with one child, and should be send back to school on the following Monday (or Tuesday if there is no school Monday). Please send the basket back with the following:

1. One special personal item that your child would like to share with the class
2. Fresh fruit for 26 people, cut/ready to be served*
3. A bouquet of cut flowers for arranging in the classroom. (Optional)

*Fresh fruit can seem expensive to purchase for 26 people, but please remember each serving is for children (+2 teachers), and should thus be small.

Recommendations for inexpensive fresh fruit: 1 watermelon cut it into bite-size pieces;

1-2 bags of grapes; 1 bag of Cuties (clementines); apple slices; pineapple cut into bite-size pieces.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

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THREE-MINUTE TALK & SHARING BASKET SCHEDULE

October

3 - Lucy

10 - Cameron

24 - Natalie

November

7 - Eliana

14 - Jashi

28 - Kingston

December

5 - Henri

12 - Cary &
Jalissa

April

3 - Evangeline

10 - Ira

17 - Haven

24 - Karter

January

9 - Lucas

23 - McKenzie

30 - Ariana

February

7 - Gabrielle

13 - Andrew

27 - Henry

March

6 - Blake

13 - Kobe

20 - A'Mylan

May

1 - Lance

8 - Annalyse

15 - Myles