



The Tools of the Mind Connection

A newsletter connecting home and school environments

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WHAT AM I READING?

- Who Wears Glasses?
- Dr. Ted
- Your Bones

Our classroom is now shifted to a Hospital theme, complete with a Cafeteria, X-Ray, Pharmacy, Hospital Room, Parking Garage and Gift Shop. The children will be playing new roles such as doctor, nurse, patient, and ambulance driver. We will be learning lots of new vocabulary and great skills for staying safe and healthy!

Our class reading time is called "Story Lab". During this time the teacher reads to the class and has various cards up to help the children focus their attention on a particular question. The purpose is to develop their ability to remember on purpose, use various listening/comprehension strategies and practice discussing a topic/question with their peers.

You can help strengthen these skills too! After reading a story ask your child questions like, "What was your favorite part?" "What was interesting in the story?" or "What did you like about the story?"

WHAT AM I DOING IN PLAY?

Theme: Hospital
Roles I can be: Doctor, nurse, patient, mom, dad, Sister/brother



What's happening in my centers: Getting an exam: taking blood pressure, temperature, checking height/weight
 Taking care of the patients in the Hospital,
 Going to fill a prescription, buy a gift, take an x-ray

I am practicing my reading/writing and math by:
 Writing prescriptions
 Writing on patient's charts
 Weighing / measuring the babies/patients

FINGER PLAYS I KNOW

Head, shoulders, knees and toes
Knees and toes

(say this two times)

Eyes and ears and a mouth and nose

Head, shoulders, knees and toes
Knees and toes

(CHALLENGE: repeat multiple times each time trying to go faster)



EXTENSIONS AT HOME:

- Create a picture story about going to the doctors office
- Read a book from the booklist, read your play plan and/or teach someone the finger play
- Make a "Get Well" card for someone you know
- Practice 911 emergency phone number with someone at home



Important Information-Please look for a sign-up online for the Valentine's Day Party!

The children did a great job this past week with the Kiss and Go Area! Thank you to the Parents for your help in this new transition!