

## October 2022

I want to thank you all so SO much for purchasing almost my entire wishlist within days of sending it out! I wish I could see who bought what so I could send personal thank you cards, but I hope you know that your investment in my classroom is not only for you precious kids, but kids' years and years down the road. I am so grateful for all of your contributions.

We have a whole month under our belt now, and if you haven't noticed yet, we already adore and love each one of your sweet kiddos!

We have made precious connections with each of them and I feel that between Mrs. Trish, Mrs. Bri and our weekly volunteer Mrs. Sara, we made our first goal of gaining your kids' trust. It may have sounded like chaos as you left each morning, but as a team we did such a fantastic job of knowing just what to do and who to scoop up and play with or give a little extra love to in the mornings. We all agreed that an entire hour outside each morning watching the "big trucks" drive down Broadway, searching for grasshoppers and popping bubbles was just what we needed to acclimate to coming to school. Like I said in my first email- we are so, SO flexible with the kids as we know the ideal schedule is for us, isn't their ideal schedule right when school starts.

As we watch cars go by we watch the street light turn red and talk about how red means STOP, and green means GO! We talk about which car was big and which was little, and have even had some fun cars like cement mixers and fire trucks drive by to add to our morning excitement of watching cars. It was like magic watching the tears fade and giant smiles and excited hands pointing at the next cars coming down the street. So in just those small moments, we were learning and gaining trust all at once!

Our focus for this month will be in the area of Social Emotional- We feel that with a whole week of focusing on one area, our kiddos will soak it in rather than changing our focus each day, but we will also be doing math, science and literacy.

Social Emotional Learning- We will be identifying and verbalizing our feelings. "I'm feeling sad because...", "I'm feeling excited because..." We will help to verbalize what feelings we see in our little friends and allow them to feel those feelings and help them deal with them. We will ask them if they want a hug, or if they want to read a book and try to find a way to help with those big feelings. We have already seen a few occasions where a friend showed another friend kindness or was helpful to them and we waste no time getting down on their level to praise them for that action and verbalize our feelings when we see that. For example, one little friend dropped his water bottle last week and another kid got up out of his chair to pick it up and put it back in front of his friend. I said "Mrs. Shay is so \*happy\* because you \*helped\* your friend get his water bottle!" You could see how happy he was knowing that what he did was kindness and it made someone happy. We will also be focusing on "The way we get dressed". It is coat season and on the days we go outside, we will be helping the kids learn how to put on their coats and zip them up and if they decide they don't want shoes on and take them off, we will help them put them back on instead of doing it for them. Please partner with us in this social emotional development and also do these things at home.

To save you from opening two emails, I am going to include this meal train as well for a mama that could use a little help right now after having a sweet baby girl a couple weeks ago.

I believe I told most, if not all of you, my story about how I came to Jesus, and how Busy Bee played the biggest part in keeping me standing during my son's cancer journey.

The #1 thing that got us through each miserable day was a meal train set up by a mom that I had never even talked to, who had a son in Cameron's class and heard about what was going on in our life. She took it upon herself to set up a meal train for me to eat while I sat on my couch every day planning how I could peacefully exit this world and make it all go away. I wasn't prepared for a life with what I thought was going to be without my son, and I definitely wasn't about to nourish myself with healthy food while my son was in a fight for his life. But Busy Bee showed up. The staff, the parents and the prayers- they all showed up, even though I didn't even believe in God at this time. Little did I know that God had already paved my path long before I even thought about asking Him to help me through this crazy hard time of my life.

Looking back now, I see that He put me in that preschool weeks before I knew how desperately I would need it.

During our walk-a-thon last week, a beautiful friendship happened between two moms and it was mentioned that meals would be a big help for this family with a precious brand-new baby girl. And without hesitation a mom wasted no time in making a meal train for her. I am sending this out in hopes that anyone in a place to make or purchase a meal, will sign up and show this family the love that I felt, but didn't ask for, because I will never forget it. Food at my doorstep was truly what kept me going and I still make one of the recipes today and it reminds me every time of the moms that showed up.

We're all in this together, and if ANY of you need anything- please reach out, because I'm confident that the staff and/or parents at Busy Bee can help make life a little less crazy.  
We pray for our kiddos and families every single Tuesday at our meetings, and your struggles are no match for our God! (I

know from experience 😊 )

Sending love to you all. By May, I hope we have made lifelong friendships with each other and you all see what I see in Busy

Bee Preschool and how God works through and in us all



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Love,  
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