



Preschool Newsletter
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September 17, 2008

Important Dates for Preschool

September 23
 Tuesday
 Curriculum Night
 7:00pm

September 27
 Saturday

Family Fun Night

October 2
 Thursday
 First Thursday @ FSH
 8:30am

October 7
 Tuesday
 FCO Meeting
 8:15am

October 10
 Friday
 PUPIL HOLIDAY

October 13
 Monday
 SCHOOL HOLIDAY

October 16
 Thursday
 FSH Community Book Club
 7:00pm

October 21
 Tuesday
 Picture Day

October 23
 Thursday
 Quaker Fest

October 24
 Friday
 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 PUPIL HOLIDAY

October 25
 Saturday
 Footsteps for Friends
 Fit with Friends
 7:30am



A lesson
 in ordinals,
 sequencing
 and good
 eating!

If you were a “fly” on the playground at the end of preschool play time, you would certainly hear the clarion call of a teacher’s voice singing:

La la la lei, don’t be Ping, la la la lei, don’t be Ping!

Read the *Story About Ping* to find out the history of this playground song. It has been used for decades by Tina Thompson and FSH prekindergarten teacher, Mary Ellen Rugg, before her.



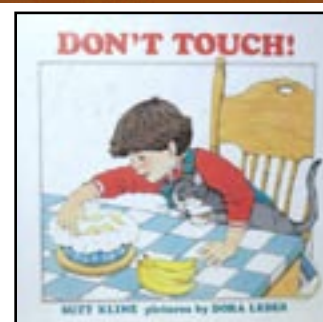
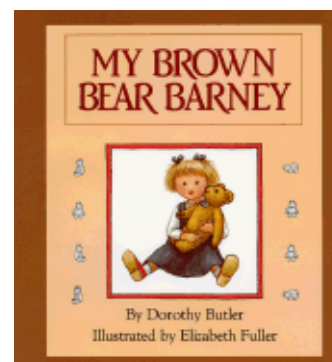
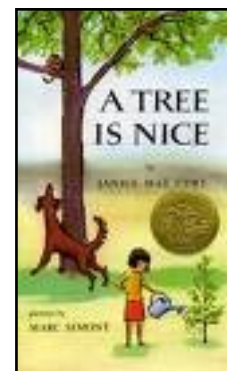
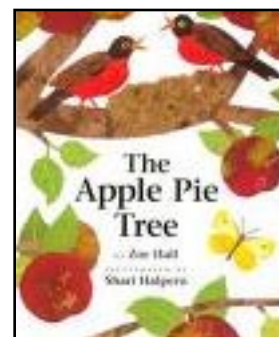
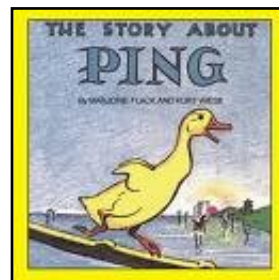
Integrated curriculum: Math (experiencing relative weight, plane, fulcrum), Music (Seesaw up and down. In the air and on the ground), Social Studies (taking turns, working together)



Wilmer, our violet throated ringneck dove, obviously feels quite safe getting up close and personal with his classmates.

Books we have read recently include:

- The Story About Ping*, Marjorie Flack
- The Apple Pie Tree*, Zoe Hall
- A Tree is Nice*, Janice May Udry
- My Brown Bear Barney*, Dorothy Butler
- Don't Touch*, Suzy Kline



Apples in a Blanket

You will need:

One jar of apple pie filling
One tube of refrigerator biscuits
Confectioner's sugar for sprinkling

Separate each biscuit into two circles of dough.

Flatten with a rolling pin or the palm of your freshly washed hand.

Place a dollop of apple in the center of the dough.

Gather up the edges as if wrapping a baby in a blanket. Seal the edges together.

Bake at 400 degrees for 12 minutes or until golden brown.

Enjoy with a sprinkle of sugar on top!

All recipes from preschool will be archived on the webpage.



Popcorn

You will need:

A large, heavy pot with lid
Popping corn
Corn oil
Salt

Place a liberal amount of oil in bottom of the pan. Place kernels in pot to cover the bottom. Turn heat on high. When popping begins, reduce heat to low, gently shaking the pot over the heat until the popping stops.

When's it gonna be MY turn???

It is a question you probably hear often at home.
It's a question we rarely hear in preschool.
The trick is a timer -- a sand timer is best.

(Here is a picture of three friends happily watching the sand trickle to the bottom of the timer as they wait for turns to use the keyboard.
A timer is a way to children to fairly monitor their turns. Try it at home!)



Friends School Haverford Safeties are on duty!

We are very grateful to the FSH Safeties who volunteer their early mornings to escort the children of Heritage House to the classrooms. It is always gratifying to see former Heritage House students in this role. It seems like just yesterday that today's safeties were being lovingly walked to their classrooms by the safeties. It is a lovely example of the cycle of life here at Friends School.

Notes to the teachers

When you are sending a note to the teachers, Office, FCO, etc., please attach them to the outside of your child's backpack. Notes in a child's hand are apt to go missing along the way. Given the busy nature of our morning, teachers do not have the opportunity to check the inside of backpacks for mail.





The Wake-up Person

It is likely that you have heard your child talk about the "Wake-up Person". This is a much coveted job in preschool. The WUP has many responsibilities:

- Say three "thank yous" before snack
- Gently tap the head of each resting child to signal the end of rest
- Turn the room lights on after rest
- Place the read aloud book on the classroom shelf.



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If you would like a copy of the weekly newsletter to be sent to grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc., simply supply the e-mail addresses to Tina.

Friends School Matters

If you would like to receive your copy of Matters electronically rather than in hard copy, please advise Lauren Anderson at landerson@friendshaverford.org

CURRICULUM NIGHT is Tuesday, September 23, 7:00pm

Join other FSH parents in the gym to hear remarks from Martha Bryans, Head of School who will introduce faculty and staff. After the all-school program in the Heritage House gym, parents will go to their child's classroom to see materials, hear about the program and to meet the parents of the other preschool children. (Questions about your child's progress should be reserved for individual Parent/Teacher Conferences.)

Parent/Teacher Conference Day Schedule Friday, October 24, 2008

7:00am ROMAN
7:30am CHRISTIAN
8:00am RYAN
8:30am CATE
9:00am WYATT
9:30am MEGAN
10:00am BLAISE
10:30am LEO
11:00am EVAN
11:30am MILES
12:00pm LINDSAY
12:30pm EBAAD