



November 6
Thursday
First Thursday @ FSH
8:30am

November 18
Tuesday
FCO Meeting
8:15am

November 22
Saturday
Heritage House Parent Party
7:00pm
(see e-vite)

November 26
Wednesday
Grandfriends Day
Thanksgiving Holiday Begins
11:45am DISMISSAL

December 1
Monday
School Resumes

December 4
Thursday
First Thursday@ FSH
8:30am

December 6
Friendship Saturday

December 9+10
Tuesday + Wednesday
Holiday Gift Sale

December 18
Preschool Parents
Jingle Bell Band
9:30am

Meeting for Worship
11:00am

Dismissal
11:45am
Winter Holiday Begins

January 5
Monday
8:15am
School Resumes

January 8
Thursday
First Thursday @ FSH
8:30am

Preschool Newsletter

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November 5, 2008

The classroom pumpkin that played seesaw with us last week, was cut open, gutted, and prepared for carving.

In considering the different expressions that could be carved on the pumpkin, children declared their preferences including surprised, scary, silly, happy, angry. After going around the circle, it was clear that consensus would not be reached.

Some children are going to be disappointed. What can we do?

There was a pause of silence before Wyatt raised his hand. *"I know! We could cut two faces on the pumpkin!"* Hmmmmm..... this just might work!

Tr. Becky got to work with the helpful suggestions of the children and carved the large gourd. One face satisfied the scary/angry crowd and the silly/surprised/happy group was very pleased with the other side.





Kids of all ages joined in the fun of Halloween!

Day 6

Integrated Curriculum: Science (olfactory input!, decay, mold, fruit flies), Language: Literature (Mousekin's Golden House) Vocabulary (sticky, fuzzy, slimy, etc.)

The interior of our Jack-o-lantern is changing on a daily basis. We will keep you posted.



Monday's children used frosting, raisins and cereal to create their personalized Jack-o-lanterns for snack.



Many thanks to Class Parent and Blaise's mom, Kelly, for making Halloween cupcakes enough for Friday's and Tuesday's snack!

Intrapersonal Development

You might have noticed that books by Anna Grossnickle Hines show up frequently on the preschool reading list. This is very intentional. Hines is a master at creating stories for children that deal with important topics. They are wonderful conversation starters about things that really matter to a young child.

The following reviews (as they appear at Amazon.com) are three of the children's favorites :

My Own Big Bed

Hines faultlessly portrays the ambivalence of a toddler when she moves from her crib to a big bed. A new big bed of her own is both exciting and scary for this girl narrator, but in confronting her fears, she also discovers inner reserves of self-reliance: "I can get in, and I can get out all by myself. What if I fall out? I can fix that." Watson (The Market Lady and the Mango Tree) shows the girl's resourceful solution: her teddy bear and stuffed alligator lounge comfortably atop a raft of pillows surrounding the bed, and demonstrate that any accidental fall will be amply cushioned. As the protagonist tries out her newfound space? "I can stretch and stretch and not touch anything, not anything"? she wonders, "What if I get lonely?" So she assembles a collection of appealing dolls and plush animals to keep herself company. And in the final spreads, Daddy and Mommy come, not to assuage her fears, all of which she's handily put to rest, but to read a bedtime story and deliver goodnight kisses. This rite of passage is astutely and economically observed, without lapsing into preachiness or preciousness.

All By Myself

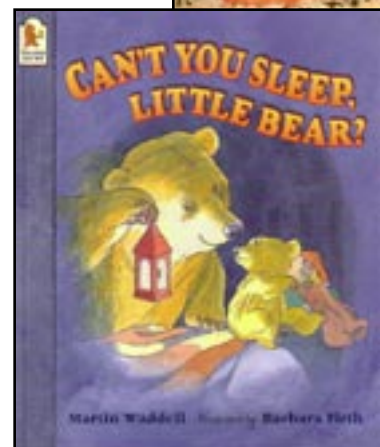
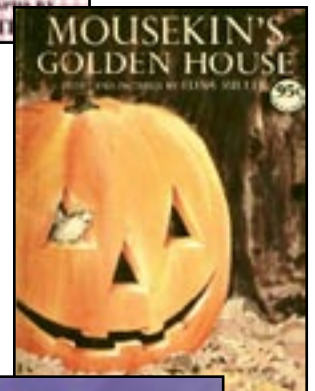
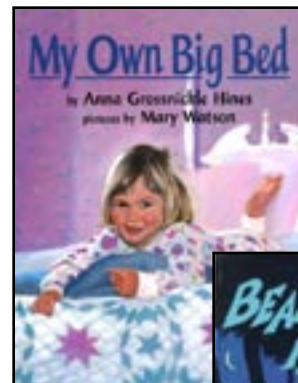
What a sweet, simple, appropriate story for little ones just starting to sleep through the night in underpants. If your little one is daytime potty trained and you are looking for a way to bridge the gap at nighttime, this book is it. Hines captures the essence of a three year old's world perfectly with the illustrations and straightforward text. A wonderful book for those who need it!

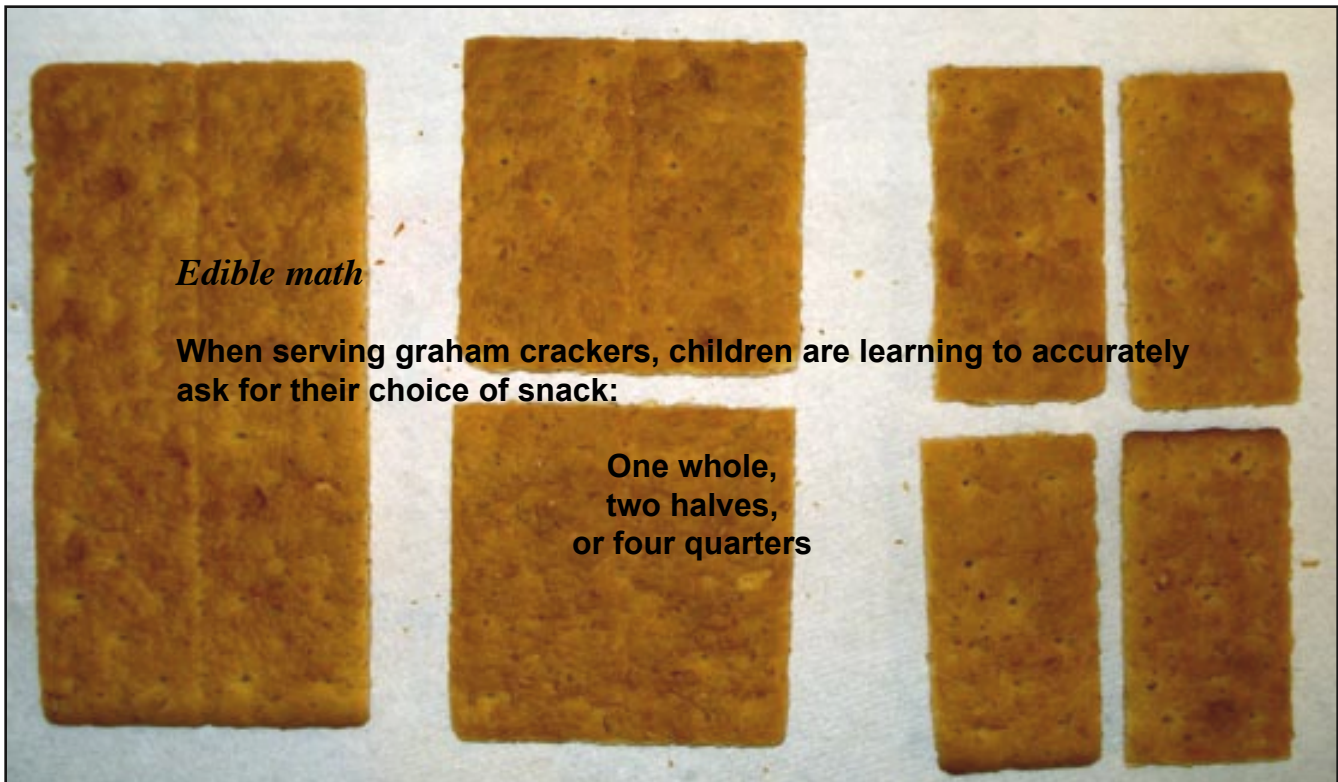
Even If I Spill My Milk?

PreSchool-Grade 1-This story dramatizes a young boy's unhappiness when his parents prepare to leave him with a sitter. As his mother gets ready for a party, Jamie asks her to tuck him in. The wise woman agrees to stay with him for five more minutes. As the child goes through his bedtime rituals, he tests his mother's love. "Will you love me even if I spill my milk...on your special going-to-a-party dress...on purpose?" The mother's answers to his questions reflect her patience, love, and resolve to go out. When the five minutes are over, he asks for one more favor; he wants the sitter to read him a story. Everybody wins in this typical family struggle. Hines has modeled a problem-solving situation into an interesting, even humorous tale.

Books we have read recently include:

- My Own Big Bed*, Anna G. Hines
- Bears in the Night*, Stan & Jan Berenstain
- The Lonely Doll*, Dare Wright
- Mousekin's Golden House*, Edna Miller
- Can't You Sleep Little Bear?*, Martin Waddell





A Holiday Invitation

Who: This invitation is for Preschool Parents only

What: The Annual "Intergenerational Performance" of the Preschool Jingle Bell Band
Yes! You will be asked to sing and play.
No solos required!

When: Thursday, December 18, 9:30am-11:00am

Where: The Preschool Classroom circle time rug
(you'll be on the floor so wear comfortable clothes)

Why: To share the music and joy of the holiday season.

To help the teachers guide your child's expectations for the morning, please RSVP by e-mail to the teachers to let them know if you will be attending.

