

**“Welcome to School”** is the September curriculum theme. The theme includes learning about the school environment, friends, our emotions and shapes. There will be lots of opportunities for communication in the classrooms and throughout the building.

Here are a few suggested home activities to encourage language, literacy and concepts:

**September vocabulary:**

boy	angry
girl	up
friends	down
happy	stop
sad	go
same	

Emphasize these words at home as you and your child play and look at pictures in books and magazines together.

**Shapes:** go on a Shape Hunt inside and outside your home. Find circles, squares and triangles in various rooms of your home. As you walk or drive in your neighborhood talk about the shapes you see. Find shapes in books and magazines. Draw shapes and let your child color inside the shape.

**Activities:**

1. Read a book together each day.
2. Talk about what the boy/girl is doing as you read a book or watch TV together.
3. Have your child draw a picture of his/her school day and have him/her talk about the picture. Have your child draw a picture of his/her friend. Draw happy faces. Label his/her drawing.

**September Book Suggestions**

Hurray for Pre K, Ellen B. Senisi  
Happy and Sad Monster, Ed Emberley  
Go Away Big Green Monster, Ed Emberley  
Mouse Shapes, Ellen S. Walsh  
The Bus for Us, Suzanne Bloom  
School Bus, Donald Crews  
The Lion and the Mouse, various authors

**Songs to Sing**

“The Wheels on the Bus”  
“If You’re Happy and You Know It”

You can find books and CDs at your local public library. The librarians can suggest additional titles that you and your child may enjoy.