



In 3K, a typical day begins with welcoming our students into the classroom and allowing them free-choice play while everyone arrives. Once all students have arrived, we begin our carpet time with our morning meeting where we begin in prayer, learn a song or finger play, read a story, and focus on a lesson as a large group, based on a weekly theme. Once a week we have show and tell, which is designed to help the children develop speaking and listening skills. We break for morning snack and then continue our large group instruction with another story, craft, or other activity. Once a week we visit the library. We end our day with free-choice play, where students are encouraged to play and explore their environment in various centers at their own pace, and outside time on the playground.

We also have many special activities, programs and events throughout the year!

Science Experiments and Observations—Whenever possible we conduct science experiments based on the theme of the week. Examples have included: observing a monarch caterpillar, growing plants, studying animals, learning about our five senses, etc. Scientific thinking skills are developed through: using scientific tools and observations to gather information, seek answers, and compare objects; hypothesizing and making predictions; and forming explanations based on experimentation, observations, and exploration.



2nd Grade Buddies—We have a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our 2nd grade friends a couple of times throughout the year. Typically in the fall the 2nd graders come to our room to read us Halloween stories that they have written themselves. In the spring we visit their classroom for more one-on-one reading time. When time allows, the 2nd graders will help our students with complex projects.



Donuts with Dads / Muffins with Moms—During the week when we learn about letter “D” we invite dads (or grandpas, uncles, or anyone special!) to join us for socializing, making a craft with your little one, a song, and of course, donuts! We also have Muffins with Moms during our letter “M” week.

Visits from Father Don—One of the ways we incorporate religious teachings into our schedule is to invite Father Don Thimm into our classroom every week. He presents a message to the children and encourages them to answer questions.



In-house field trips and guests—We like inviting guests into our classroom to help teach us more about a particular topic. Guests have included: police officer, firefighters, Wehr nature center, dentist, and other professions!

Healthy foods picnic—At the end of our nutrition themed week we celebrate with a Healthy Foods Feast. Everyone brings in one type of food to share with the group. Every child’s plate is filled with food from every food group and we encourage them to try at least one new food. This is one of our favorite days!

