The Extended Morning Program has a weekly Focus Book that expands on the Pre-School theme of the month. The teachers support the stories through related activities that include experiences in each of the Developmental Domains. The story is further enhanced by weekly cooking projects with Mrs. Loomis, and daily music with Mrs. Bird. A brief description of the focus book is included in each Monday’s email, and a list of available activities each day. The newsletter for each theme recaps the related activities through text and photographs, with captions highlighting the developmental emphasis.

September Pre-School Theme: Friendship & Community

A picture is worth a thousand words. These photos tell the story of our Friendship & Community theme at the Children’s School and express just how much we learn from our explorations!

Focus Books

Extended Morning Teachers: Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Myers, and Mrs. Opferman
Social-Emotional

We are so proud of our work!

Talking in the kitchen is a natural time to interact with one another!

Physical

Lots of conversations emerge between friends.

Working together with the help of a teacher in the kitchen gives us greater fine motor strength.

“Open and shut” is how we move our fingers when we cut.

A dainty tea party requires using the pincer grasp.

Literacy-Language

“Open and shut” is how we move our fingers when we cut.

Each day, we have the opportunity to look at books!

We love to sing as we work! This is a fun way to learn a routine and practice rhyming!

Hands on the TOP, when you CHOP!

Practicing our alphabet!
Science

Biology can be found in our room through our class pets!

Gravity pulls on each monkey!

Taking time to explore kitchen gadgets!

Math

Tall, taller, tallest!

Taking turns choosing the piece that matches its shadow… it takes time to learn what makes things the same and different!

Measuring and mixing ingredients to create a yummy treat!

Social Studies

Animals and people live in different places!

Learning about people!

Lots of discoveries when deciding which things belong in the garage…
Before we can use cell phones, iPads, and stereo equipment, we need to learn how to be in control of our small muscles!

“New” tools are used in the kitchen to slice apples!

The apple peeler is on the fritz. I wonder if I can figure out how to make it work correctly?

Dramatic play is a regular activity that helps expand vocabulary, gives opportunity to express emotion, and interact with others.

Our focus books provide inspiration for dramatic expression.

Daily opportunities to sing… and to improvise!

Please remember: For our friends who have nut allergies, it is important to leave at home snack and lunch foods that contain nuts!

We always stay in our chairs while cooking to be safe.

We enjoy preparing and enjoying healthy snacks at school!