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 experiences in our make shop, in the outdoor classroom, and cooking activities in the kitchen. We also enjoy daily music with Mrs. Bird. A brief description of the focus book is included in each Monday’s email, with 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:**

**I’m In School!**

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

**Focus Books**

- **The Kissing Hand**
- **Mouse’s first day of School**
- **Blueberries for Sal**
- **Owen & Mzee**

**Extended Morning Teachers:** Mrs. Opferman, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Bird
James and Branden work cooperatively in the mud kitchen and take time to practice helping each other.

Atticus gets to know one of the student helpers as he interacts with her in the Dramatic Play Center.

Jamie Ann and Mio are learning how to get their drinks of water independently.

Cheryl uses her muscles to lift heavy blocks to build a structure.

Running is a great way to build physical stamina.

It takes small motor control for Ian to put the Bristle Blocks together.

Ellen and Archie share their ideas as they work beside each other.

Arianna tells a teacher about her drawing.

After listening to a story about bears, Ann works on some bear puzzles.
Wilder experiments with opening and closing the water table plugs as he pours water.

Lucy and Sloan use different tools to stir and mix dirt and water together to make mud.

Friends built a ramp for the balls to go down, and then made themselves into a tunnel!

Lettie and Sloan help to measure ingredients for Blueberry Muffins.

James and Rowan match colors and try to fill their boards as they play a game of Bear Bingo.

Lily and Archie help to fill a large turtle shape with shades of green paper.

Children practice leading and following in a group as they play Follow The Leader.

Having fun playing group games helps children become part of the classroom community.

Emeline learns about taking good care of the baby as she pretends in the Dramatic Play Center.
Evie lifts the pendulum up to give it power to knock down the foam block tower.

Children discover how wheels can make it easier to move themselves.

Children use their imaginations with simple costumes and props to play act on the playground.

Claes makes up his own creative beats on the drum.

Lettie chooses to use blue paint for her picture.

In the kitchen, children are introduced to many kitchen gadgets. Lucy practices with the chopper / scooper.

Raj wears his helmet while riding the scooter.

Kieran practices the healthy routine of washing hands before lunch.

Oliver and Ruth practice cutting carefully with butter knives.