

"A Five Star, Nationally Accredited Center"

Welcome to our Wee Know Oriole classroom! We are excited to meet all the new Oriole children and families! This year we plan to introduce our preschoolers to many interesting concepts that help them learn about themselves and the world around them in a supportive and nurturing environment. It is our belief that children learn through play and exploration. Through each topic your child will discover and practice new skills that will ultimately help them grow in social and emotional confidence giving them a strong foundation for future learning.

#### **Meet the Teachers**

The Oriole teaching team includes Sky Beckstead, Ilas Shaw & Elizabeth Lerario

<u>Sky Beckstead</u> has been at Wee Know since fall of 2022. This is her second year in the Oriole classroom and has been an assistant in the Canary and Bumblebee classrooms. Sky has her associate degree in Early Childhood Education and is working on her bachelor's at Alverno College. She is excited to get to know all the Oriole families this coming school year.

<u>Ilah Shaw</u> will be joining Wee Know this fall as co-lead of the Oriole room. She has an early childhood degree from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and Preschool credential from WCTC. Ilah has worked in early childhood since 2004 with some of those years previously at Wee Know! She is looking forward to family connections, meaningful moments and fun learning adventures as your 3K teacher.

**<u>Elizabeth Lerario</u>** is joining the Wee Know Oriole class this fall. She worked in early childhood for three years. Ell is looking forward to meeting all the Orioles and their families.

# **SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES & THEMES**

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# September 4 - 13

September 16-20

# **Getting Acquainted**

The first 8 days of school, we will be focusing on our new school community. We will get acquainted with new friends, learn classroom rules, and all about the many fun learning centers in our classroom. During our Circle time we will read the book <u>The Kissing Hand</u> and <u>Our Class is a Family</u>.

#### Apples: "Aa"



Sept. 23-27



This week the Orioles will dive into our apple theme. Our dramatic play area will transform into an apple market. Our senses will be heightened with smells of oats, cinnamon sticks, and apples in our sensory table. We will combine a little math and science with some apple tasting and graphing while learning about the parts of an apple. As we explore our apple theme, we will be adding many of the children's art creations to our class BRAVO board in our classroom.

## Fall Fun; "Bb"

We'll start this week with a visit from the fire department! As the weather gets cooler and the leaves start to change, we will learn about the autumn season. In our science center we will have different types of leaves, acorns, and pinecones for the children to explore. During this week we will read books about fall and learn a few new songs during our Circle time. In our sensory table we will have corn with pinecones, mini pumpkins, and fabric leaves for the children to express their creativity.

Save the Date....

Ebert's Pumpkin Farm: Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Your Oriole Teachers,



## **MONTHLY NEWS & SNACK CALENDAR**

Each month a "Classroom Newsletter" and "Snack Calendar" will be sent to you via email. You may request a paper copy by contacting our office staff. We ask each family to bring a "morning" snack for our class about once every four to six weeks. Please review the classroom calendar to see if your child has been assigned a snack day. Healthy snacks are recommended and Wee Know will always provide milk and water. A list of snack ideas will be handed out at the "Meet & Greet" for your reference. Please bring 16 snacks on your child's snack day. Due to NAC (National Accreditation Guidelines) homemade snacks are not allowed. Prepared food being shared among children must be commercially prepared. If fruit or vegetables are sent, please leave in original packaging.

