

“Working Together”

What’s new in our class this week

We are learning songs, rhymes,
and doing activities about

“Working Together”!

This week we will talk about helping one another to do things like a project, a chore, or a task. We will also talk about cooperating with others and how a job is easier when we work together.

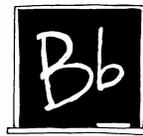
New Concepts:

Fiction (Make Believe)

Non-Fiction (Real)

Learning about “real” and “make believe” are important concepts as children learn to read. Talk about what is real and make believe with your child. Children need to know that not everything they read about in books (or watch on TV!) can really happen.

New Letter



Big “B” and little “b”

Some “B” words we will talk about are
Balloons, **B**ear, **B**aby, **B**oy and **B**us!

Letter Talk

“Letter Talk” is what we use to help children learn how to form letters!

Letter Talk for big ‘B’

Straight line down. Go to the top of this line. Curved line out, down, and around. Touch the middle of the straight line. Curved line out, down, and around. Touch the bottom line.

Letter Talk for little ‘b’

Straight line down. Circle around and touch the bottom line.

Use your finger to draw letters in the air or in the palm of your hand!

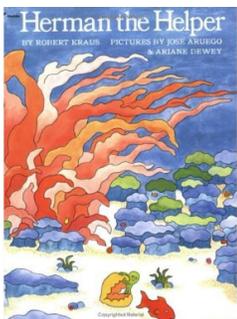
Songs we are singing



“Jack and Jill”

“The More We Get Together”

New Book: “Herman the Helper” by Robert Kraus



Herman the Helper is a book about an octopus that likes to help his family and friends. We will have the children predict where the story takes place by looking at the cover. We will talk about the clues on the cover that help children know where the story takes place (setting). We will also talk about the things that Herman does and if they are real (non-fiction) or make believe (fiction).

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Try These Tips at Home

Working with your Child

Children enjoy working together with their parent. They watch and imitate what you do. Find times when your child can help you work. For instance, your child could help you look for an item at the store or hold the dustpan while sweeping. Let them know how much you love their help!

Just as parents go off to work each day, play is a child's work. Take some time and play with your child. Ask your child what they would like to do. If your child loves to sing, make up silly words to a song. Make a sound (za), and have your child make up a silly word (zat, zanana) and use that word in a song.



Sporting Events

If you are looking for a place to go together and have some fun, check out a local basketball, football, softball, baseball or hockey team. You can explain how the players work as a team to score points.

Help your child learn about: *Real and Make Believe*

- Play a "Real or Make Believe" game with your child, by providing scenarios and having your child guess whether it is real or make believe. For instance, you could say "you can eat with a spoon", your child would say "real". A make believe scenario might be "an octopus is eating dinner with us", and when your child says "make believe" point out that your child is correct.
- When reading books talk about if the book is a "real" story that could happen or a "make believe" story that could not happen.

Teach your child about the letters: *B and b*

- Find words that start with the letter "B" when reading with your child.
- Emphasize words that start with "B", when reading by saying that word louder. Then, ask your child what letter the word starts with.

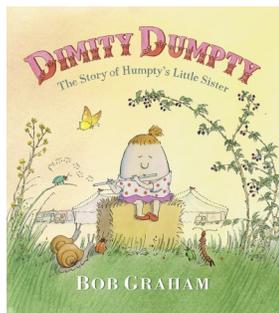
Help your child learn more about: *Working Together*

- Ask your child to help around the house by doing simple chores, such as putting his or her toys away. Explain that the family works together to do chores.
- When making dinner, talk about how the family works together to cook dinner and set the table, and how it makes the job easier when everyone works together.

Books related to theme

- "Rudy Helps Out" by Jill Donahue
- "Share and Take Turns" by Cheri J. Meiners
- "Let's Do It Together" by Denise Jordan
- "Teamwork" by Lisa Turmbauer
- "Swimmy" by Leo Lionni

Book Pick: "Dimity Dumpty" by Bob Graham



Did you know that Humpty Dumpty has a sister? When Humpty Dumpty takes his fall while spray painting graffiti, it is his sister, Dimity, who comes to his rescue. She runs to the big top and mobilizes everyone to save her brother. Despite a grim prognosis, he is saved by Dimity, who actually comes out of her "shell" to get the help he needs. Children and parents will love this story of a quiet child who shuns attention and remains true to herself. It reminds us all that each and everyone of us has special gifts and talents.

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