

## CURRICULUM CHRONICLE

### Early Learners & Preschool - September

#### September's Themes


**Fabulous Friends:** Celebrate friendship and practice social roles and relationships throughout this theme. The children will learn what a friend is and how to be a good friend. They will also talk about what friends do together.

**Forest Fun:** Fox, deer, wolves, porcupines, skunks, and bears are just some of the animals that call the forest home. Learn about what these animals eat and where in the forest they hide and live.

#### Activities for Home

- Ask your child what activities he did with a friend this week in which they took turns. (Built a tower? Put together a puzzle? Made a class picture?) Ask your child the names of some of his friends. Look at pictures of friends and family. Talk with your child about how family members can be good friends too. Encourage your child to help at home, care about family members' feelings, and remember to say "please" and "thank you."
- On a nice day, take a walk outside with your child, or simply go out into your yard. Occasionally ask your child to "stop....look...and listen." When you say "stop" your child should freeze in place and stop making noises. When she is quiet, encourage her to look (or listen) for something. Encourage your child to look all around and share one thing she sees. Does she see any animals that might live in a forest? When listening, invite her to share what she's heard. What animal sounds, if any, can she hear?
- Arrange a play date for your child with one of his or her friends.

#### Help Me Review

Aa	red	1
Bb		2
Cc	circle	3

#### Books, Books, Books

The best way to learn which books your child enjoys is to read children's books-lots of them! Check out [funshineextras.com](http://funshineextras.com) for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

##### *Just My Friends and Me*

by Mercer Mayer

##### *The Kissing Hand*

by Audrey Penn

##### *The Rainbow Fish*

by Marcus Pfister

##### *My Friend Isabelle*

by Eliza Woloson

##### *Leaf Man*

by Lois Ehlert

##### *Forest Animals*

by Francine Galko

##### *Little Fox in the Forest*

by Stephanie Graegin

##### *A Forest Habitat*

by Bobbie Kalman

#### Nursery Rhymes



##### Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill  
To fetch a pail of water.  
Jack fell down and broke his  
crown,  
And Jill came tumbling after.

# Sing Along with Me!

Find these songs on our 2017-2018 Music and Movement CD available at [funshineexpress.com](http://funshineexpress.com).



## Friends, Friends

Sung to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Friends, friends, let's be friends!  
We can laugh and play!  
So hold my hand and sit with me,  
And be my friend today.



Friends, friends, let's be friends!  
We will have such fun!  
We can clap and sing and dance,  
And jump and throw and run.

Friends, friends, let's be friends!  
There's so much to do!  
We can draw and paint and build  
And we can dress up too.



## Forest Moves

Sung to "Do Your Ears Hang Low?"

Can you scamper like a squirrel?  
Can you give your tail a twirl?  
Can you sniff like a fox  
Who is hiding in the rocks?  
Can you freeze like a deer  
Who hears something coming near?  
We can do it too!

Can you swoop? Can you fly  
Like a bird up in the sky?  
Can you climb up in a tree  
Like a bear who found some bees?  
Can you lie still and stare  
Like a 'possum who is scared?  
We can do it too!



### SEPTEMBER 2017

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**4** Labor Day

**18-22** Scholastic Book Fair

**18** Back To School Photos

\*Please be to school by 8AM\*

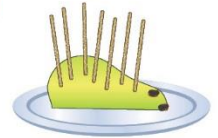
**22** Parent's Night Out (6:30PM-10PM)



## Porcupine Snack

**Ingredients:** pears  
small pretzel sticks or  
chow mein noodles  
raisins  
peanut butter (optional)

Invite your child to create this fun snack! Cut a pear in half and place half on a plate. Give your child a handful of small pretzel sticks or chow mein noodles. Press them into the pear to represent porcupine quills. Offer raisins for your child to rest on the pointed end of the pear as eyes and a nose. A little dab of peanut butter will help the raisins stick!



## Everyday Spanish



**table**  
**mesa**



**chair**  
**silla**

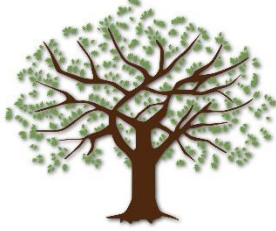


**desk**  
**escritorio**



**rug**  
**alfombra**





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# CURRICULUM LESSON PLANS-September

	Daily Basics	Gross Motor	Creative Arts	Learning Activities
<b>Theme 1 • Fabulous Friends</b>				
<b>Friday September 1</b>	<b>Red Color Display</b> ; Introduce the Theme; Friends, Friends Song	How Are You?	<b>First Day Handprints</b>	Book List, Math Fun with a Friend, <b>American Flag</b>
<b>Tuesday September 5</b>	<b>Letter A Display/Word Cards</b> , Tour of the Setting, Fun with Friends Song	Parachute Hello	<b>A Alphabuddy</b>	<b>September Word Wall, Daily Calendar</b> , Preschool Expectations
<b>Wednesday September 6</b>	<b>Number 1 Display</b> , Discussion about How to Make New Friends, Gather 'Round Song	Balancing Buddies	<b>Grandparents Day Gift: Peekaboo! I Love You!</b>	<b>Number One Counting Card</b> , Greetings, Senior Living Center Visit
<b>Thursday September 7</b>	<b>Circle Shape Display/Uppercase A Card</b> , Respect Discussion, All Our Friends Song	Banana Peel	<b>Best Buddy Puppets</b>	Name to a Face, <b>Circle Shape Recognition</b> , <b>Special Helpers</b>
<b>Friday September 8</b>	<b>Lowercase A Card</b> ; Grandparents Discussion; Grandma, Grandpa Song	Beanbag Toss	Intro to Art	<b>Everyday Spanish Practice, September Character Card</b> , Friendly Line-Up
<b>Monday September 11</b>	<b>Letter B Display/Word Cards</b> , Play Board Games, Stay Today Song	Follow the Friend	<b>B Alphabuddy</b>	Keep in Touch, Potato Soup Recipe in a Jar, Friend or Not a Friend?
<b>Tuesday September 12</b>	Red Foods, Sharing Discussion, Be a Friend to Me Song	Musical Share Chairs	<b>Rainbow Fish</b>	Measure Me Friend, <b>Storybook Friends Learning Center Material</b> , Fantastic Fingerprints
<b>Wednesday September 13</b>	<b>Uppercase B Card</b> , Cooperation Discussion, Jack and Jill Nursery Rhyme	Mirror, Mirror	<b>Freestyle Art: Art Partners</b>	Graphing Ages, Pretend School, <b>Jack and Jill Learning Center Material</b>
<b>Thursday September 14</b>	<b>Number 2 Display/Lowercase B Card</b> , Friends' Similarities/Differences Discussion, What's Your Name-O? Song	Two by Two	My Friends' Names	Read to Children, <b>Number Two Counting Card</b> , Who Is Speaking?
<b>Friday September 15</b>	Bedtime Buddies Activity, Review the Theme, The More We Get Together Song	I'm Your Friend	<b>Friendship Bracelet</b>	Munchie Mix, My Special Letter, <b>Fine Arts Friday: The Sisters</b>
<b>Theme 2 • Forest Fun</b>				
<b>Monday September 18</b>	<b>Letter C Display</b> , Introduce the Theme, The Forest Song	Nature Dancing	<b>C Alphabuddy</b>	Playdough Fun, Book List, Nature Walk
<b>Tuesday September 19</b>	Color Red Collage, Trees Discussion, Forest Felt Set	Leaves to Rake	<b>Autumn Leaf Art</b>	<b>Everyday Spanish Practice</b> , Tree Parts, Family Tree
<b>Wednesday September 20</b>	<b>Number 3 Display/Uppercase C Card</b> , Forest Floor Discussion, Squirrel Scamper Song	Leaf Leap	<b>Freestyle Art: Critter Collage</b>	All About Leaves, <b>Book of the Month, Number Three Counting Card</b>
<b>Thursday September 21</b>	<b>Lowercase C Card</b> , Forest Animals Discussion, Forest Homes Song	Scurry and Stretch	<b>Prickly Porcupine</b>	My Favorite Forest Animal, <b>Alphabet Word Sort, Forest Animals Learning Center Material</b>
<b>Friday September 22</b>	Letter C Hunt, Autumn Discussion, Forest Moves Song	Airborne Leaves	<b>Scampering Squirrel Headband</b>	Autumn Books, Forest Adventure, Think STEAM! Temperature Watch
<b>Monday September 25</b>	Board Games, Animal Food Discussion, Fall Is in the Air Song	Foods of the Forest	<b>Funky Fox</b>	Food from Trees, Feathered Friends, <b>September Math Game</b>
<b>Tuesday September 26</b>	Examine Red Apple, Johnny Appleseed Discussion, Apple Picking Song	Worm Through the Apple	<b>Johnny Appleseed Apple</b>	Apple Science, Apple Division, Apples in the Tree
<b>Wednesday September 27</b>	<b>Letters A, B, &amp; C Review</b> , Camping Discussion, Eyes and Ears Song	<b>Forest Animal Charades</b>	Observation Binoculars	Happy Campers, Campfire Safety, <b>Counting in the Forest</b>
<b>Thursday September 28</b>	<b>Numbers 1, 2, &amp; 3 Review</b> , Forest Preservation Discussion, Autumn Leaves Song	Recycle Play	<b>Flourishing Forest</b>	Forest Habitat, Leaf Changes, Animals in the Forest
<b>Friday September 29</b>	Counting/Alphabet Activities, Review the Theme, In the Forest Song	Off to the Market	Think STEAM! Tree and Leaf Art	Mid-Autumn Festival, Mooncakes, Does It Belong?