

November 2009 Preschool Story of the Month

Theme: Family & Friends

Letter of the Month: "F"

Pre-Braille/Low Vision

- Name family members, Braille their names
- Find first letter of family names
- Create an "Our Family" tree
- Create a family album (see sensory section)

Sensory

- Cutouts to represent family
- Make a book: "Daddy's face is rough," "Mommy has earrings," "Baby carries a blanket,"
- Animals
- Shaving cream and glue combination for pictures
- Graded sandpaper (check with Louanna)
- Family traditions
- Smells of the season
- Make paper doll families

Orientation & Mobility

- Map each child's classroom
- Map each child's bedroom (homework)
- Identify the city each child lives in
- Find out what jobs family members do
- Describe and draw / map homes
- Walk in this neighborhood to look at homes; discuss similar and different

Cooking/Snacks

- Bring in family recipes
- Make holiday cookies and Jello jigglers
- Make gingerbread people

Dramatic Play/Environmental Set-Up

- Use Playmobile and other family figures (have some out in each room)

Motor (Indoor/Outdoor)

- Talk about things we do as a family
- Play games: Twister, Go Fish
- Build a house with big blocks
- Fishing
- Give dolls a bath

Group Story Experience

- Who makes up a family?
- Introduce differences / diversity in families
- What things do you like to do best with Mom, Dad, etc.?

Math

- Make houses of squares
- Count house walls
- Count doors and windows
- Count to 4 with fingers
- Count family members
- Count classrooms

Communication

- Concept of “not a _____”
- Who is in your family?
- Bring in pictures of or objects that represent family members

Music/Movement

Social

Family Connections

Understanding Diversity

- Discuss differences in families