

Here is an explanation of each time during our day:

- **Calendar:** We talk about the days of the week, the months of the year, the weather, how many days we have been in school, count forwards and backwards, and recognize numbers and patterns.
- **COW (Concept of Word):** Concept of word refers to the ability of a reader to match spoken words to written words while reading.
- **Math:** We use the Everyday Math 4 program. The children will be counting, recognizing numbers and patterns, sorting objects, learning the names of shapes and coins, playing math games, and much more.
- **Stations:** During this time the children will have math and literacy activities that they will complete with a partner. While the children are engaging in their stations I will be pulling literacy groups.
- **Literacy Groups:** In the next month, we will begin literacy groups. The children will all be placed in a group based on their abilities. In these groups we will be practicing everything from learning letters and sounds to learning how to read.
- **Phonemic Awareness:** During this block of time we will learn about reading: what good readers do and the parts of a book. We will also learn the names and sounds for letters, practice writing letters, clap syllables, find/create rhyming words, learn the kindergarten High Frequency words, and various other activities related to words.
- **Writing:** The children each have their own writing journal. Right now we are writing and drawing about something that we know a lot about. We are trying to add labels to our pictures. Eventually they will begin to write simple sentences and sound out words.
- **Independent Reading:** During this time the children find a book to read quietly by themselves. Once literacy groups begin each child will have a bag of "just right" books to read during this time.
- **Science/Social Studies:** During this time we will be reading a story and doing an activity that correlates to the theme which we are studying. It is during this time that we will be doing Social Studies and Science lessons as well.
- **Specials:** Throughout the year the children will be spending time in Art, Music, and PE. They will go to each class for four days in a row for 25 minutes. Please see the monthly calendar for our specials schedule.
- **Shared Reading:** During this time I will model and the students will practice what good readers do when they are reading (point to the words, use the pictures, and sound out unknown words).
- **Explorations:** Each Wednesday we will have literacy, math, fine motor, or science explorations. The children will be put into groups and rotate between each of 4 or 5 activities for a set amount of time.