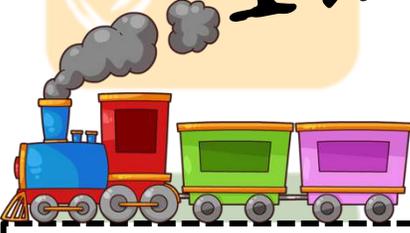


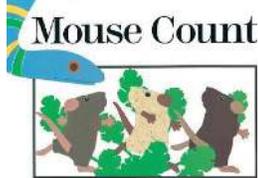
Full STEAM Ahead!

March, 2020



What Will We Be Doing?

- Hello Central Preschool Families! For the month of March, classes will be reading the book Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh:



Ellen Stoll Walsh

- This book helps students work on the Math Concept of **Counting & Cardinality** and helps them answer the basic question of *how many?*
- It also helps students understand that *“a collection can be made larger by adding items to it and made smaller by taking some away from it.”*
- This is a concept that sounds simple to us as adults, but preschoolers need opportunities to explore, practice, and learn how to talk about and verbalize this concept.
- They can also begin to make comparisons of more vs. less of something. *Understanding these concepts helps them make more sense of the world around them.*
- Each class will be guided by the teacher as to what specific “math talk” will be emphasized with Mouse Count:
 - Number names and one-to-one correspondence.
 - Comparisons of more vs. less, empty vs. full.
 - Some of the older classes (and more advanced students) may use this opportunity to introduce (or reinforce) addition work using the proper terms of ‘plus’ and ‘equals.’
- Some of the activities your children will have the opportunity to do this month are:
 - Reenacting the story and taking turns being the snake and mice.
 - Retelling the story with puppets.
 - Retelling the story with props.



2s Classes

- Two classes will hear the story and help their teacher reenact the story.
- Some may also have the opportunity to retell the story on their own using puppets and/or props.

3s Classes

- Many three classes will help their teacher reenact the story.
- Some may also have the opportunity to retell the story on their own.
- Some students may even be ready to practice different groupings of collecting mice to equal 10 and “keep track” of their addition.

Pre-K Classes

- The Pre-K classes will have opportunities to retell the story on their own.
- Some students may even be ready to practice different groupings of collecting mice to equal 10 and “keep track” of their addition.

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