



Shapes and Sizes

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Conscious Discipline:

Seven Basic Skills of Discipline

These are the seven skills needed to constructively respond to any conflict in the classroom.

1. **Composure:** Becoming the person you want children to be
2. **Encouragement:** Building a school family
3. **Assertiveness:** Saying "no and being heard
4. **Choices:** Building self-esteem and willpower
5. **Positive Intent:** Creating teaching moments
6. **Empathy:** Handling the fussing and the fits
7. **Consequences:** Helping children learn from their mistakes

This week:

Monday: School Closed

Tuesday: Today, we will be reading "Squares" by Schuette. Children will work collectively together to play "The Mystery of the Missing Square".

Wednesday: In small group today, children will be using only their sense of touch to find the hidden ovals in a bag.

Thursday: In hand writing we'll use a big curve and a big line to write the capital letter D.

Friday: Today, in large group we will read "Draw Me a Star" by Eric Carle. Children will be use their small motor skills to create a star.

Important Dates:

Monday, September 5th: Closed for Labor Day

Handwriting Without Tears Developmental Teaching Order

Teaching in a developmental order helps children master skills and boosts confidence. We teach the easiest skills first, then build on prior knowledge. Capitals are taught first, and lowercase letters follow. All letters are taught in small groups of similar formation. Our teaching sequence takes advantage of child development and brain research to promote effective learning and good habits.

Bible Time: "Abram and Sarai"

One day, the Lord spoke to a man called Abram and said "Go away from your country and people to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and bless you. Indeed, all the people on earth will be blessed because of you." Abram told his wife, Sarai what God had said. Abram and Sarai trusted God.

They began to pack up all their things. They said goodbye to their family and friends.

So, Abram went as God had told him. He took his wife, Sarai, and his nephew, Lot, and everything that he owned. Together they travelled to another land. They left their old life behind forever.

God promised to bless Abram and make him a great nation, numerous as the stars in the sky. Abram and Sarai lived in tents and moved wherever God told them to go. Abram and Sarai put their faith in God.

