

Learning the Calendar

Purpose: To introduce a child to the names and the order of the days of the week and the months of the year as well as to how these are read on a calendar.

Directions: During circle time, the children are invited to learn about the calendar. First, the children will review the name and date of the previous day then name the date that comes next. A child will add the date to the calendar, point to the date and recite the name. The teacher will present the day of the week and the month and invite the children to say the complete date, for example, “Thursday March 21st, 2019”. This activity is repeated regularly at circle time.

Extensions:

- 1) The children are invited to discuss what happens on particular days of the week or months of the year. For example, talk about which days and months children are at school, the days they have particular activities, and the months/days of holidays or celebrations.
- 2) Invite the children to sing songs or recite rhymes about the days of the week or months of the year.

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