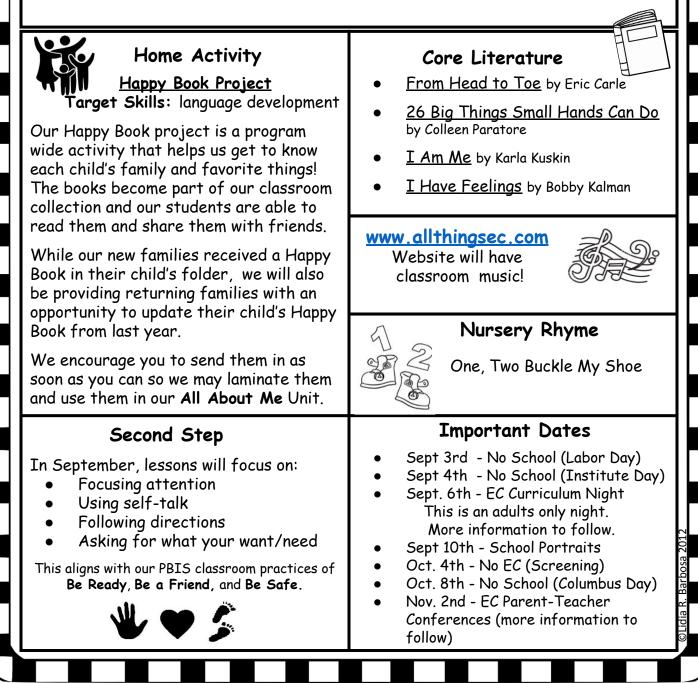
**This month**, our thematic unit addresses developing a sense of "self" as a means to not only learn about identity but to also begin to understand others. As we move through the month, we hope to use the children's **Happy Books** as a way to help our students share information about themselves.

About

EC Classroom Newsletter - September

For each of our units of study we have developed a concept map that identifies the instructional focus for the month. You will find that attached to this newsletter along with the nursery rhyme we will be teaching.



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## AGS/ECC PTO

Welcome EC Families to the Alice Gustafson School Parent Teacher Organization (AGS PTO). While your child is attending EC this school year, you are an important part of the AGS PTO. All parents and guardians of EC are members of the AGS PTO. The AGS PTO's mission is to serve our students needs, more than just fundraising. We are a support network of parents for the teachers and schools.

The AGS PTO board together with the AGS teachers, EC teachers, staff and administration collaborate to ensure all classrooms, students and school needs are met.

This year the AGS PTO has pledged thousands of dollars to EC for classroom equipment and field trips. In each year prior, the AGS PTO, has purchased classroom equipment and funded transportation for field trips. Equipment provided to the Early Childhood Staff has included, touch screen displays, storage bins, and i-pods as well as items for teacher appreciation week. We ask that you stay informed and volunteer to help out or donate to our efforts in any way you are able. Look for our emails & monthly notes home about events. Visit our web site at <u>www.AGSPTO.ora</u> for information, calendars, links and forms, you can also join our AGS ECC Parents club on facebook for reminders and updates from our EC Parent Reps Andrea Whitt and Gretchen Grant. If you have any questions feel free to contact our EC PTO reps via their PTO email <u>earlychildhoodrep@agspto.org</u>.

## Speech and Language Story Time







Stories for this month include: Week of September 14th: Book: EEK! There's a Mouse in the House by Wong Herbert YEE Week of September 25th: Book: Kevin and His Dad by Irene Smalls

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On a daily basis, classroom teachers provide literature lessons based on the EC monthly theme. Additionally, one day a week on TUESDAYS, a speech and language pathologist (SLP) has the opportunity to provide a lesson, (also related to the monthly theme) in the classroom. This provides the speech and language pathologist interaction with students in a natural classroom large group setting, a time for language modeling techniques and strategies to students and staff members, and an opportunity to highlight specific language and literacy concepts.

Feel free to contact me via email or phone with any of your questions, comments, or ideas! Jeni Baron MA.CCC-SLP jeni.baron@bps101.net (630)937-8000

## Reminders

We value outdoor play and want your children to be able to safely access all of our playground's great features. Hot weather may seem to indicate a need for open toed shoes (sandals, flip-flops, etc.) but they are not safe for climbing and running. Please be sure to send your child in secure play shoes everyday.

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