

**Early Childhood Education Center**

September 2016

We would love for you to come and do an activity with the class! It could be about something you enjoy, read us a favorite book, sing a favorite song, participate in the day, or eat lunch with us. Any time is good for us so please let me know verbally or in email if there is a time that you would like to join us. Thanks so much!

Please join us!

**2/3’s Classroom News**

What We Are Learning

One of our focuses in the 2/3’s curriculum is math, which introduces adding and subtracting. An example of how we teach this activity is with a group time felt game called “The bakery shop”. We put ten cupcakes on a board. We give each child a felt coin. We count to see how many cupcakes there are. We then sing a song about going to the bakery shop: “There are 10 cupcakes in the bakery shop, you know the ones with the honey and the nuts on the top, child’s name came in with a penny to pay, and bought one cupcake and went away.” At this point a child will come with their coin and pick a cupcake to keep with them. We say “there were 10 cupcakes and child’s name bought one, how many do we have left?” We recount after subtracting and state the new number. We then say “After buying one we now have number cupcakes left”. We continue this until every child has purchased a cupcake. This teaches early stages of subtraction.

Classroom News

I would like to introduce you to our new student worker Lauren Cummins. She is with our class every afternoon. She is a sophomore at ISU majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education.

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