

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
NURSERY GROUP
1997 REPORT

The Neighborhood House Nursery group annual report by, Frances Graham Nursery Group supervisor. The teachers for this year included myself, Sandy Cohen, Penny Benbenek, Dawn Field. We started the year with 22 children so I decided to combine the two classes into one group. We met from 9-12. We ended the year with a total of 14 four year olds and 11 three year olds.

I taught similar lessons for both the classes and grouped the children in age groups. We ended up with 2 tables of four year olds and table of three year olds. Although this took time to get use to everything worked out for the best in the end. Some of the older children helped out the younger children with some of their skills, and some of the advanced three year olds ended up learning some advanced skills as well.

I am going to go over our typical day at the Neighborhood House:

Our typical day consisted of free play when the students arrived, where they learned to play together as a group and to share. Then we ^{did} our circle time in the gym here we would take attendance give out jobs, (such as line leaders, weather person, and flag holder, and calendar) then we would either do show and tell or sing songs. We would line ^{up} and count the students the children would always try to guess which group had more, the boys or the girls. Then we went into the classroom for our review. We start with the pledge of allegiance, and then go on to the calendar where we do the day, month and the week day. We always sing the ABC song and when the students get really good at recoining the letters we go backwards. We do this the numbers up to 20 too. We then go over the shapes and colors. On the door in the classroom is the star chart, here we record the children accomplishments they have mastered such as the ones I just talked about as well as witting their names knowing their address, phone and parents names, etc.. After review we then have snack time and then of tom library time where either Penny or Sandy would read to them every day. During story time Dawn and myself and Penny or Sandy would set the tables for work time here is when we all sit down and learn a skill or do holiday crafts, we usually do 2 pages a day. For the reminder of the day is spent cleaning up and either go into the gym for group games or outside when the weather permits.

Through out the year we are teaching the basic skills the children need to learn to prepare them for kindergarten. We also have some fun activities during the year that we do through the year and these are as follows;

- Apple and Pumpkin Picking at Halseys Farm
- Halloween Show
- Hanukkah celebration

list continued;

Christmas with a visit from Santa

Holiday Show at night

Pancake breakfast and Pajama day

Valentines Day

Easter celebration

A visit from E. H. Ambulance , Mae Bushman and Mrs, Elly

Train Trip

Nature trail and Herrick Park

A visit from Mr. Johnson the Fire Marshall complete with a puppet show

A visit from Hampton Pediatric Dentistry to talk about Dental care

Year end Picnic at the Neighborhood House — *Thanksgiving*

Graduation

I feel that we have a great rounded program for the children of East Hampton and I am glad that I am part of the early learning when the children need to Know how important school is and to have fun while learning , plus I like all those great hugs!!!! I am Finishing up my 10 the year at the Neighborhood House and thank all of you this wonderful job I love so very much. For teaching is what I love to do.

16 students for next year.