

Speaking of Speech...



Dear Parents,

The beloved children's book character, Curious George, is starring in a new movie. To celebrate, we will be using Curious George as a theme for many speech and language activities during this marking period.

- As we read books about Curious George and his adventures with the Man in the Yellow Hat, students will be encouraged to listen to, predict, and recall plot details.
- Being curious is how we learn about the world. Students will be encouraged to use "curious words" (who, what, where, when, why) to ask questions in school and at home.
- Students will be encouraged to be "curious listeners." Every time a student listens well without prompting or correction during a speech/language session, he or she will get a colored square next to his/her name on the Curious Listeners chart. Once a student earns consecutive 4 squares, the student will be eligible for a special reward: to take Curious George home for an overnight visit! Students will take turns taking a stuffed monkey home for an adventure with your family; a camera will also be sent home with the monkey to record the experiences. Photos of Curious George's adventures with our students will be compiled in a book that the students will help to write.

This unit will be lots of fun and offers many opportunities for learning. You can reinforce this learning at home by:

- Taking your child to the library to read books about Curious George;
- Encouraging your child to be curious at home through asking and answering questions about all kinds of things: storybooks, people, events, places, and activities that are important to your child;
- Stressing the importance of listening and doing one's best in school.

What fun we will have as we become Curious Listeners and Learners! Thank you for supporting your child's speech/language program.

Sincerely,

Speech/Language Pathologist