



COUNTRY CHILDREN'S HOUSE NEWSLETTER

**Think warm thoughts!*

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MATH & SENSORIAL

"N & 15" WEEK-NUMBERS, NUMBERS, NUMBERS...We learned that numbers are all around us every day. We can see them driving down the road, at the grocery store and on pages in books as we read. We enjoyed many different works that required us to match numbers to the correct quantity. We continue to work with the clock. We learned about the terms "less than" and "greater than". We introduced the shape of a rhombus.

"V & 16" week-We counted Valentines and counted by 10's. We reviewed counting by 2's & 5's.

"G & 17" week-We counted glass beads, glasses and green gem flowers. We enjoyed counting gold coins, gumballs and giraffe math.

"U & 18" week-We used unifix cubes and counted and worked on patterning. We counted by twos and discussed that it is a quicker way to count that involves skipping a number. We counted umbrellas.

****Keep practicing writing your numbers and number recognition.****

SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY



"N" WEEK- We studied the planet Neptune and learned it is the 8th planet from the sun. We studied nutrition and learned which foods help us grow. We studied nocturnal animals and learned that they are the opposite of us and sleep during the day and are awake through the night. We introduced the direction North and how to read it on a map. We learned that nature is anything not made by humans. We are a part of nature. We studied nests as well.

"V week"-We had fun studying volcanoes and erupting our classroom volcano model. We learned a real volcano is formed when magma (from the earth's hot center) mixes with gases & water, finds a crack to the earth's surface & then explodes. You can make your own volcano at home with clay and put baking soda and vinegar inside to "erupt". We explored Venus, the 2nd planet from the sun and vegetables

"G week"-We learned about the gentle giant found in Africa, the gorilla. These creatures can use their hands like a human to grasp objects. They also build nests on which to rest. We found that a globe is a very good model of our Earth because it is round just like our Earth. We explored gravity with many experiments in our classroom. Ask your child how big is a giraffe tongue.

"U week"-Universe-the name we give Space and everything in it. Our solar system and its planets are a part of the Universe. We studied the 7th planet from the sun-Uranus. We explored under the water and learned about different creatures that live there. Not all creatures who live under water can breathe in the water. The whale, dolphin & sea turtle must come up for air as we do. We discovered that some animals spend a lot of time upside down-the bat & the sloth.



LANGUAGE & PRACTICAL LIFE

Along with our sound box, letter gluing or stamping of the week, letter formation, handwriting without tears, and practical life, here were some of our choice works for each letter of the week:

"N" WEEK-We enjoyed making Ns with straws, putting N word eggs in a nest and writing our names. We talked about being nice.

"V" week-We enjoyed arranging flowers in a vase. We read Valentine stories & enjoyed a language work where we must label different vegetables with their words and made Vs with hearts.

"G" week-We read The Giving Tree.

"U" week-We enjoyed umbrella letter matching & underwater animals.

Art & Music



"N" WEEK-We explored with musical notes and created nighttime pictures while listening to nature music. We continue to work on improving our cutting skills through many different activities.

"V" week-We studied the violin: What is the bow and what is it made out of? How many strings does a violin have? We enjoyed Vivaldi and listened to his "Four Seasons" while drawing. We studied Vincent VanGogh. We created our Valentine bags for our celebration and made Valentines.

"G" week-We learned about the guitar in our classroom and listened to guitar music. We learned the guitar belongs to the string family just like the violin. We painted the "Goldfish" by Henri Matisse. We learned mixing yellow and blue makes green.

"U" week-Ukulele, unicorns & umbrellas. We created underwater art and upside down art.

MONTESSORI CORNER

(Areas of the Montessori classroom)



Science and Geography-Children explore the Earth as their environment, learning about animals, plants, weather, seasons, other planets, rocks and magnets. We learn geography through mapping skills and song. Many of our lessons focus on STEM education. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math).