



# COUNTRY CHILDREN'S HOUSE NEWSLETTER

ENJOY YOUR BREAK!!!!

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## MATH & SENSORIAL

"O" and "#9" WEEK-Our number is nueve in Spanish and our color is black-negro in Spanish. We learned about the shape crescent. We counted owls and played a game with a friend that involves rolling a die and putting that many oranges on a tree. We enjoyed an octagon color game. We practiced writing 9's.

"R" & "#10" WEEK-Our color was gray and our number 10 is diez in Spanish. Our shape was a pentagon. We matched the raindrops to their correct number umbrella. We counted reindeer and rings and reviewed those tricky teens. We learned the rainbow song with the color tablets.

"J & 11" WEEK-Our shape was a pentagon. We enjoyed modeling a jack-o-lantern. We enjoyed jewels, jingle bells and unifix cubes. We introduced the knobless cylinders as a new choice work as well.

*Merry Christmas!*



## SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY & SCIENCE

"O" WEEK-We named the big masses of salt water surrounding our continents-oceans. We named the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian & Arctic. We studied many ocean creatures. We learned that an octopus has 8 arms and is found in the ocean. We also learned about oxygen. All living things need oxygen!

"R" WEEK-We explored different types of rocks in our classroom and discovered that they can be found everywhere. They come in all shapes and sizes. Our Earth is made mostly of rocks-under the land & all the water in the world. We learned many interesting facts about reptiles. We learned they have rough, dry, scaly skin and are cold blooded. We visited the rainforests in South America and learned about rain.

"J" WEEK-We learned that Jupiter, the fifth planet from the sun, is covered with a lot of volcanoes. Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system. It would take us 18 years to travel to Jupiter-wow! We learned that a jungle is a home for many animals. A jungle is made of many plants and trees. We explored under the sea and learned about jellyfish. Jellyfish live in the ocean and communicate through colorful chemicals circulating through their bodies.

*Happy Holidays!*



## LANGUAGE & PRACTICAL LIFE

In addition to sound box and hand writing, some new choice works included:

"O" WEEK-We fished in the ocean for letters. We created ocean story boards. We opened & closed jars.

"R" WEEK-We enjoyed working with objects found all around us that are rhyming words, i.e. cake-snake, lock-sock, bat-hat... We created rainbows with glass beads and sorted letter rocks in alphabetical order & reflection art!

"J" WEEK-We enjoyed learning to zip a jacket, jewel sorting & jigsaw puzzles.

We all really enjoyed our Christmas stories and making Christmas crafts for our loved ones. Of course, all in our pajamas!

*Happy New Year!*

## ART & MUSIC



"O" WEEK-We read "Owl Babies" and created our very own owl babies. We listened to orchestra and opera music.

"R" WEEK-We created reindeer art projects and rainbows.

"J" WEEK-Jewel art, jingle bells, & listening to Jazz.

Through the month of December, the children had a lot of fun making gifts for their loved ones! They put a lot of love into their projects. We hope you enjoy them!

*Enjoy creativity during your break!*

## EXTRAS



\*We enjoyed so many fun activities for the Holidays!

NOTE: On the calendar you will see we are planning "Beach" parties for January. We are looking forward to beating the Winter Blues with a fun Beach Party. Your children can wear Hawaiian clothing, beach cover ups, flip flops, sun glasses... Use your imagination and have fun! If you signed up for the Beach Party on your volunteer forms in the Fall, the Class Party Mom will be contacting you after the Holidays to see where you would like to help. If you did not sign up and are interested in helping, please let us know.

On behalf of all of the teachers and myself, we would like to thank you for sharing your children with us. We feel so very blessed to have such wonderful families in our school community.

*We wish you a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!*  
Miss Shelly