



# COUNTRY CHILDREN'S HOUSE NEWSLETTER

SPRING WILL BE HERE SOON!

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"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 continue to work with the clock. We learned about the words "less than" and "greater than."

"G" & "16" week-We counted glass beads, glasses and green gem flowers. We created graphs. We enjoyed counting gold coins, gumballs and giraffe math.

"V" & "17" week-We enjoyed valentine math using math problems with valentine counters, counting valentine hearts and valentine patterns. We reviewed our colors and numbers in Spanish.

"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.\*\*

## 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.

"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 & learned about giraffes.

"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. We explored Venus, the 2nd planet from the sun. You can make your own volcano at home with clay and put baking soda & vinegar inside to "erupt."

"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 and letter activities each week, here were some of our choice works for each letter of the week:

"N" week-We enjoyed sorting words that begin with N and noodle sorting.

"G" week-We enjoyed a golf ball run & writing our letters with a glow pen. Let's not forget our special visitors, mama & baby goats:-)

"V" week- We played several fun Valentine letter matching games. In Practical Life we enjoyed arranging flowers in vases, vacuuming and cutting valentine hearts working on our fine motor skills.

"U" week-We enjoyed many uppercase letter activities throughout the week.

\*\*\*Keep practicing name writing and letter writing\*\*\*

## Art & Music



"N" week- We created nighttime pictures, name art & made neck ties.

"G" week-We learned about the guitar in our classroom and listened to guitar music on a CD. We learned the guitar belongs to the string family just like the violin. We enjoyed painting grapes.

"V" week-We learned all about a violin. What is the bow and what is it made from? We enjoyed Vivaldi and art work by Van Gogh. We had so much fun making our Valentine bags for our Valentine's from our friends & Love Bugs!

"U" week-Ukulele, unicorns & umbrellas. We created umbrella art creations with paint.

## 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.