



COUNTRY CHILDREN'S HOUSE NEWSLETTER

**Think warm thoughts!*

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MATH & SENSORIAL

"B" week- We enjoyed bear counting & sorting with a friend, which reinforced sorting by color. We counted butterflies and balls. We worked with different manipulatives to help with the concepts of adding, subtracting and counting. We learned about even numbers & a hexagon.

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

"V" week"-We counted valentines and counted by 10's. We reviewed counting by 2's & 5's. We worked on ordinal numbers.

"U" 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.****



LANGUAGE & PRACTICAL LIFE

We have had great feedback regarding the "Homework" bags. (Your child should get to bring one home several times before the end of the year.) This is intended for complete enjoyment only and not to put any stress on you or your child. Please remember to return it and all of its contents the next day! HAVE FUN! If you have not received it yet, watch for it soon. You will soon.

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:

"B" week- Bring your BEARS to school. A favorite week here at CCH. We enjoyed matching upper & lowercase butterflies and made Bs out of buttons. In Practical Life we practiced buttoning. We enjoyed reading Bubble Bear.

"G" week-We read The Giving Tree and glued garbage to a garbage truck.

"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.

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

SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY



"B" week- We studied the human body. Our beating heart pumps blood through our body and our brain helps us move and think. We learned our bones help us stand straight and tall and protect our brain, heart and everything else in our bodies. We enjoyed exploring in the classroom with the binoculars and a balance. It is fun to guess what weighs more. We learned that birds are a group of animals covered with feathers, that have backbones and lay eggs. The cardinal is the state bird of Indiana.

"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.

"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

"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.

Art & Music



"B" week- We enjoyed listening to Beethoven & learned he was deaf. We blended colors, learning primary colors blended together create secondary colors. We counted music beats with bells & listened to Baby Beluga.

"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 painted the "Goldfish" by Henri Matisse. We learned mixing yellow and blue makes green.

"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.

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

***A HUGE thanks to Miss Lana for inspiring the children with her talent on the violin and allowing each child to play!**

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).