



COUNTRY CHILDREN'S HOUSE

NEWSLETTER

Think Warm thoughts!

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MATH & SENSORIAL

"I" WEEK-In Math we enjoyed counting and sorting icicles with a friend. We counted Indians and worked on measuring in inches; we learned that there are 12 inches in a foot. We learned the shape of a quatrefoil. We continued our numbers in Spanish.

"K" WEEK- We counted kite tails and matched them to the correct kite with the corresponding number on it. We counted and sorted kangaroos and joeys. We introduced how to tell time on the hour. The children enjoyed working with many different clock works in class this week. We discussed what time we go to bed, wake up, eat breakfast...You can help your child with this concept at home. We learned the shape trapezoid.

"N" 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.

SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY



"I" WEEK-There are 50 states in the U.S. We learned that we live in the state of Indiana. We studied many different insects. Insects have 6 legs and 3 body parts. We can find insects about anywhere. We enjoyed exploring the land form of an island. An island is a piece of land that is surrounded by water. (How would you get to an island?) We discussed the many changes in weather that we have here in Indiana and we learned that ice is one form water can take.

"K" WEEK-Two mammals that belong to a very special group of animals-marsupials-living on the continent of Australia are the kangaroo & koala. Their young immediately after birth crawl into the mother's pouch & stay there until they've grown big enough to venture out into the outside world. A baby kangaroo is called a Joey. Both are found on the continent of Australia. In geography we looked on our big USA map to find Kentucky, our neighbor. We learned that kinetic energy is the energy of motion and the objects weight makes a difference in the speed of the object.

"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.



LANGUAGE & PRACTICAL LIFE

We continue to focus on name writing. We are very pleased with the development in our handwriting and letter recognition. We work every day on recognizing our friends' names, and the children continue to impress us with this skill. IDEA: Take pictures of family members and write each name on individual cards and play a matching game.

Along with the letter of the week & sound box, & books:

"I" WEEK-We enjoyed throughout the week in practical life working with a pretend "iron" and "ironing" clothes. We learned what an illustrator does.

"K" WEEK-Along with the sound box, some choice works this week included kaleidoscope viewing and key & lock matching.

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

*This month, we are starting to send home reading "Homework" bags. (Your child should get to bring one home at least 2 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! We have heard wonderful comments back from the children. If you have not received it yet, watch for it soon. *

ART & MUSIC



"I" WEEK-We reviewed our instruments and instrument families through instrument investigation time and the Musical Families game. We discovered that impressionistic art work uses small painting strokes. We created our own impressionistic art work. We made Impasto paintings.

"K" WEEK-We used the electric keyboard & talked about how the keyboard is the same/different from a piano. We enjoyed art by Kahlo and learning about Klee.

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

MONTESSORI CORNER (Areas of the Montessori classroom)



Language Arts- Letter recognition and phonics is reinforced throughout the day in each classroom. Specific exercises work on vocabulary development, phonics skills, reading readiness and development of writing skills. Many different methods are involved including sound box, sandpaper letters, salt & rice writing. Children who are beginning to read are stimulated with works which involve word matching to the appropriate pictures and phonetic reading books. Each letter is introduced in sign language as well.