



COUNTRY CHILDREN'S HOUSE NEWSLETTER

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

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MATH & SENSORIAL

"XYZ week"-We talked about the value and names of coins and paper money. We reviewed the numbers 1-20. We enjoyed favorite past works. We measured yellow yarn and counted yo-yos. We talked about the quantity zero, means nothing.

"Sh" week-We enjoyed playing shape BINGO all week. We enjoyed counting ships and matching ships this week. We had fun playing a game involving putting shells on a sandy beach.

"Earth & th" week-We sorted items thick and thin. We continue to work hard on number recognition.

Use opportunities around you to have fun working with your child on numbers, adding, subtracting & shapes.

SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY



"XYZ week"- We talked about x-rays and viewed a real x-ray in our classroom. We learned about zebras and their unique patterns. We learned that a zebra's stripes not only help to camouflage it from its enemies, but each has its own unique stripes like we have thumb-prints.

"Sh" week-We discussed sharks & how they come in many shapes & sizes-some have flattened bodies while others are torpedo shaped. The shark's scales are not as soft & big as on the fish-they're actually called denticles & rubbing them the wrong way can scrape your skin. A shark can lose over 30,000 teeth in its lifetime. We enjoyed learning about the sheep and observing some sheared wool that we had in our classroom. One sheep can produce up to 20 lbs. of wool in one shearing. We took a close look at some seashells & discussed how each had once held a soft & boneless bodied animal.

"Earth & th week"-We named the planet on which we live-the Earth! We noted the Earth's surface is covered mainly with water. We learned that the large water is called an ocean and that the land is divided into continents. Then we dug deep into the center of the Earth-the inner core! We had fun making our Earth models that showed all of its layers-the inner core, the outer, the mantle & the crust! Thank you to the many parents who made play-doh for this project. We all agreed we should take care of our Earth!



LANGUAGE & PRACTICAL LIFE

We learned about blends and digraphs and learned that some letters when they are put together make a different sound than they do by themselves. This is a hard concept, but when grasped, it makes learning to read much easier. We have all grown so much this year.

"XYZ week"-Along with our XYZ sound box and letter gluing, choice works included: yarn gluing, zoo animal stamping and practicing zipping.

"Sh" week-Along with our "sh" sound box some choice works included: a favorite-writing our letters in shaving cream and shell stamping. In practical life we enjoyed shining silver & shoe tying.

"Earth & th" week-Along with our "E" sound box & letter gluing, we practiced manners and saying thank you.

ART & MUSIC



"XYZ week"-We enjoyed playing the xylophone. We painted with yellow paint and made zoo pictures.

" Sh" week-We enjoyed shaving cream art. We enjoyed exploring with clay, making different shapes. We sang songs with "sh" in them.

"Earth & th" week-We enjoyed art at the easel all week. We created thick & thin lines.

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Art & Music-The children gain appreciation of famous composers and artists through hands-on experience with numerous instruments and techniques of art that are introduced each day in the classroom.