



COUNTRY CHILDREN'S HOUSE NEWSLETTER

SPRING WILL BE HERE SOON!

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"B" week- We enjoyed counting the butterflies in the basket. We worked on color sorting by playing Bear BINGO with a friend. We sorted bears by colors and played a birthday cake game. We practiced writing our numbers 1-12. We placed bugs in numerical order.

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

"V week"-We enjoyed valentine math using math problems with valentine counters, counting valentine hearts and valentine patterns. We reviewed counting by 2's & 5's, Spanish colors and 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 practice writing your numbers.

SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY



"B" week- We learned many interesting facts about our human body while studying the anatomy model in our classroom. Our emphasis was on the brain and the bones. We learned our bodies need exercise, good food and rest. Bugs, bugs, bugs...We enjoyed learning about them in a story and through our insect puzzles. We discussed many different types of birds. Not all birds can fly, but they do have wings and hatch from eggs. The cardinal is our state bird.

"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.

"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

"Homework" bags are coming home! (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.

Along with our sound box and letter gluing each week, 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 playing alphabet BINGO this week. In Practical Life we enjoyed scooping beans, practicing buttoning and matching nuts and bolts.

"G" week-We read The Giving Tree.

"V" week- In Practical Life we enjoyed arranging flowers in vases, vacuuming and cutting valentine hearts working on our fine motor skills.

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

Keep practicing name writing and letter writing

Art & Music



"B" week- We enjoyed listening to Beethoven's 9th symphony & we learned that he was deaf and still made beautiful music. We blended colors learning primary colors.

"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 learned all about a violin and enjoyed a violinist that came into school and we played a violin just our size. What is the bow and what is it made out of? We enjoyed Vivaldi and art work by Van Gogh.

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

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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.