



COUNTRY CHILDREN'S HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Enjoy Spring Break!

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MATH & SENSORIAL

"E" week-We put plastic eggs with numbers on them in order in an egg carton and sorted eggs by size and color. We continue to work hard on number recognition.

"W" week-We played a watermelon seed counting game with a friend. We explored different weights with a balance & sorted objects by weight. We had fun measuring with colored worms. We played a wheels addition game and whale counting.

"D" week-In sensorial, we worked with textured dominoes finding which designs felt the same and which felt different. In Math we worked on counting by 10's. We played a daisy work which involved matching the correct number to the correct daisy with that many petals on it. We learned that a dozen of something is equal to 12. We worked on sequential order with a dot-to-dot activity.

"Q" week-We counted jewels on the queen's crown. We reviewed the quarter and talked about quantities.

SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY



"E" 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. We learned about elephants and that they live on Africa and Australia. We learned that many animals begin their life in an egg before hatching into the world. Eggs come in many different sizes and colors.

"W" week- Weather-the air in our World's atmosphere is always changing. We looked at different types of weather-snow, wind, rain & ice. Our world is a wonderful place to live. We enjoyed reviewing our continent song. We learned weather is a mixture of sun, air and/or rain. We learned that worms are very important for our soil and our gardens.

"D" week-Dinosaurs-We learned that they are no longer alive, but we know they existed because of the large fossils that we have found in the Earth. A person who studies dinosaurs is called a Paleontologist. We learned about the meat-eating dinosaurs-carnivores, and the plant-eating dinosaurs-herbivores. Desert-a desert is a place that gets hardly any rain. Many animals come out in the darkness to avoid the heat and we call that group nocturnal. We enjoyed our dentist visitor and studied dental health.

"Q" week-We learned that insects live in large colonies and have a queen. Their job is to lay eggs to create colonies. We learned about quills, quails & quicksand. A question is what all scientists ask before an experiment. Ask your child what questions we asked about our experiments.



LANGUAGE & PRACTICAL LIFE

"E" week-Along with our "E" sound box & letter gluing, we celebrated our differences with Elmer by reading Elmer by Donald McKee .

"W" week-Choice works in Practical Life included: water pouring, washing a baby & washing our hands. We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday. He had a wonderful way with words! We read many Dr. Seuss books.

"D" week-Choices included doll & dinosaur works and washing.

-It was wonderful to have Dr. Forgey & Dr. Charlie teach us about how to take care of our teeth.

"Q" week-Who, what when where and how all begin a question. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day all week!

-We are very excited that all of the children are doing so well with letter recognition & phonetic awareness. Many of the children are enjoying many more challenging Language works during "choosing time" which continue to help them develop their reading skills.

ART & MUSIC



"E" week-We enjoyed art at the easel all week. We made Elmer the elephant pictures and etchings.

"W" week-We created our own "Water Lilies" watercolor painting like Monet's. We studied Andy Warhol's art. We worked with watercolors and learned about warm & cool colors.

"D" week-What a dancing week of fun. We listened to dance music, created dot art and learned about Degas.

"Q" week-Q week we learned about quilts and made our own quilts and did Q-tip painting.

MONTESSORI CORNER

(Areas of the Montessori classroom)

Practical Life-Practical Life continues throughout the day in all areas & activities. These activities help develop independence, concentration & coordination through pouring, cutting, writing & care of self & environment. Through this work, the child develops gross & fine motor skills.