

February 1, 2012

Dear Parents,

Another great week for our class! We welcomed a new friend to our class, Bayden, who is fitting right in already! Since our class is growing, Miss Amber has started taking some of the kids down to Room 210 (Miss Karen's room). This allows us to spend more quality time with all the children. Since the other classroom doesn't have a diaper changing station, we are letting the kids that are potty-trained go there. We will still meet in our classroom in the morning and dismiss from their in the afternoon, but it will help during circle time and centers to have smaller groups to work with.

We have covered the letters M and N this week. We had "moose and monkey" stickers to place on the M and "noodles" to place on the N to reinforce the sounds that they make. We've made green and blue collages with lots of different textures and items to reinforce the color. Over the last couple of weeks we've painted, decorated and laced a snowflake, hat, and mitten and then we combined them to become a winter mobile. They are adorable and we will be hanging them from the ceiling soon. We've also started our Valentine projects, as you could tell by your child's red fingers on Thursday!!



The children listened to a book on tape this week, Snow Day. It was fun and different for them to hear someone else read the book and learn the sound to listen for to turn the page. This will help them next year when their centers will consist of a small group of children using a listening center. We also read a book on Giraffes. Our bible story this week was Noah and the Ark. We read the story and then used the ark we have in class to help the children understand all the different animals that God had Noah put on the Ark. It also reminded them about same and different.

Besides the painting and play-doh activities, we did clothes-pin pinching. It sounds silly, but it really helps the kids with fine motor development. It's not as easy as it looks for this age group! It's something we'll do again and again. We also worked on our colors and shapes with some matching games we played during centers. We were busy counting to 12 this week. We counted snow balls, and stars. We also talked about 'night' and what we see in the sky. Then we sang Twinkle Twinkle and placed and counted stars on the board. We also sang Pop Goes the Weasel, 5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed, and Blast Off.

As Miss Amber said in the newsletter, we are going to exchange Valentine's on Tuesday, February 14th. Please have each child send in 15 Valentine's with just from...on it. This way they can give any Valentine to any child. It's a lot less confusing that way. It would be great to attach a little something, like a lollipop, to the Valentine. There won't be any need for a goody bag this way. We are going to do a couple of Valentine counting activities and finish our Valentine projects.

That's it for now, enjoy a beautiful weekend and the Super Bowl on Sunday. Think of me tomorrow as I am going to participate in the Polar Plunge at the beach!! I'll be sure to take pictures!!

Thanks, Monica Murphy