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This week turned out to be a fantastic one for our class. The children are settling back in to our routine and we've been able to accomplish a lot.

Since it is Winter and January we've been focusing on snow and snowflakes. We read *The Snowy Day* and pretended to make snowballs and throw them like Peter in our book. We painted and glittered a snowflake that will become a mobile later on. We also read a book on shapes and reviewed and sang songs about them.

We worked on the letters E, F, G, and K this week. We say each letter and stress the sound that it makes, then we have the children make it with their finger, paint it, and lastly place an object on it that begins with that letter (eggs, feather, glitter, and kite). Eventually the alphabet will be complete and they will have a "Letter Book". Soon we will start a number book also. This week we had the kids "pet" a kitten 8X having them count to 8 each time.

For our gross motor movements we had the children hop like kangaroos around the room and into the gym. We also read the nursery rhyme *Jack Be Nimble* and had them jump over the candlestick. We also hop the number of the day it each morning during circle time! By the 31st we'll be exhausted.

The kids love to sing songs and we had loads of fun singing some new songs and some old favorites!. We taught them the Kookaburra song and a new shape song. We also sang *5 Little Monkeys*, *Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes*, *Days of the Week*, and *Blast Off*.

The children welcomed Miss Karen with open arms. They made her feel as if she'd always been there. Her presence has made our day progress much more smoothly! The extra set of eyes, ears, and hands has been a blessing!

Have a wonderful long weekend and we'll see you on Tuesday.

Miss Monica, Miss Amber, and Miss Karen