



January 23, 2012

Dear Parents,

We had another great week with our wonderful class! The kids were busy working on the letters I, J, and L. For "I" the kids got to paint the letter I and then choose their favorite flavor and make an ice cream cone. The letter J contained a couple of colorful jewels and we put leaves on our letter L. We listened to a lion roar and did some roaring of our own (a favorite of some of the boys!) and then Miss Amber had the

kids count the number of roars they heard.

We read the book What Do You Love and the L Book to reinforce the letter and the sound it makes. We also read Snow Day to continue our winter theme.

We are always reinforcing concepts that the kids are familiar with, but this not only reminds them of it, but allows us to teach them turn-taking, patience to wait for their turn, and being quiet when someone else is speaking. The younger children also get to hear the concept again and again to help them master it.

We did this lesson this week with our color fish and our shape activities. I am so impressed by how well these kids know their colors and shapes already. We also practiced our counting from 1-10 using lady bugs and counting the dots on its back. We have magnetic boards at floor level that the kids have fun putting magnetic letters on and we sit there and go over familiar letters, such as those in their name and even spell their names with them.

For our gross motor activities this week we walked on a balance beam and played freeze dance. Both were a big hit with all the kids. It's so much fun watching them dance around together and how weird they think their teachers are for dancing too! We also do a lot of jumping. It's important to keep them moving and get as many of the wiggles out before we can settle down together. All the kids love to sing together. This week we sang Mary Had A Little Lamb, The ABC song, Twinkle Twinkle, Itsy Bitsy Spider, and 5 Little Monkeys.

Just a reminder that the preschool is closed this Thursday January 26th. It is also closed Friday 27th and Monday 28th which don't affect our class, but may affect siblings.

We are taking registration for next year-can you believe it's that time already! We will have dates set up in the near future for you to observe and/or visit the 3 year old classroom with Miss Jodi and Miss Bobby. This year they are offering a 2 day or 3 day program for the 3's.

We are still brain-storming ideas for Valentine's Day. I think we will exchange Valentine's and have a treat, but stay tuned for more accurate details! Either way it'll be something short and sweet that we'll do in class alone.

That's it for now. Contact us anytime with your thoughts and concerns.  
Miss Monica, Miss Amber, and Miss Karen