



January 5, 2012

Hi Everyone,

I think that under the circumstances we had a very successful week! I knew with the extended vacation that some of the kids would rather stay home with you all! With that being said, I can truly say that they all had 2 terrific days.

We spent Tuesday getting us all back into the routine of being together at school. We started by talking about the calendar, the weather, and our vacations. It was so much fun hearing about the things they did and the gifts they received!

We read a new story from the bible-The Good Samaritan. We talked it over afterwards about how important it is to help those in need. I read a different version of it on Thursday.

We reviewed our letters and colors. We had half the class hold up a letter and picture and had the other half "match" their letter to them. To reinforce the colors each child had a different colored magnetized crayon that they had to identify and place with the correct crayon that was on the board.

Our shape of the week was the rectangle and the color was blue. They sponge painted blue rectangles onto a larger rectangle to reinforce this concept. During our centers we did these same large group activities with groups of 3 or 4. While they were doing that I sang some old classics with them-This Old Man, Itsy Bitsy Spider, Twinkle Twinkle, and Where is Thumbkin. I am amazed how many of the children are familiar with the words and actions of these songs-so cute.

On Thursday we took advantage of the nice weather and played outside. It's so much fun watching them interact with each other and try new things on their own.

This Tuesday Ms. Karen Corwin will be our third teacher in the room. We are so looking forward to having her in with us to help expedite our centers and activities. I started with Ms. Karen 5 years ago in the 2 1/2 year old class. She is currently teaching our 3-day four year old class. She brings with her tons of ideas and experience.

Just a reminder that we will not have class on Thursday January 26th

Also the Chesapeake Public Schools and CBP will be closed Monday January 16th, Friday January 27th, and Monday January 30th.

Have a wonderful weekend! See you all on Tuesday.

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