



October 16, 2011

Water, Water, Everywhere! We are having a great time with a series of books entitled Mrs. Wishy Washy. Her farm animals roll, jump and waddle in the mud and then, "In the tub you go! Wishy Washy! Wishy Washy!" We discovered water and dirt make mud which we then had fun letting our farm animals play in. We have a little mud on the window sill to see if the water will evaporate and leave us with dirt again. This week we will make "Clean Mud" to get the farm animals clean. We also explored absorption with cotton balls and other items. The children love using these big science words to explain what they've observed. And we have another interactive iPad book to read and record, "I Like Water". See the attached Weekly Lessons for all the details.

A Note from the Teacher:

Jennifer Polaski

Centers

The children are doing such a great job, navigating their way through our Center Activities. They were amazing this week, keeping on track and trying to get to all their Centers with just a little bit of encouragement from me. Some still ask, "What should I do next?" But the independence is growing. I am so proud of them all. Be sure to look for the "Must Visit Checklist" each Friday and talk with your child about the progress they are making each week.

Counting By 5's and 10's

I hope you saw the laminated sheet with all our painted handprints in the Friday Folder. Please practice regularly with your child, touching pairs of hands to count by 10's and single hands to count by 5's.

A-E-I-O-U

Have you heard our new version of Old MacDonald Had a Farm A-E-I-O-U? Last week we introduced these special letters and that they have 2 sounds - a short sound and a long sound. We'll do more with this song and our vowels this week with our Old MacDonald Mobile Project.

Field Trip

Wednesday October 19th is our Field Trip to Bergey's Bread Basket for hayrides, pumpkin picking, farm animals and much more! **Be sure to turn in your permission slip and \$7 TOMORROW (Monday).** We will meet at Bergey's at 9:30am. Please plan on spending the visit with your child. There will be no class time after the field trip.

Homework

Please return Homework Letter Bags and the Homework Ziplock Bag tomorrow. This week's assignment will be in "Explode the Code", our phonics workbook. Look for a new Homework Letter Bag and Workbook Assignment in Monday's backpack.

Jennifer