



A Note from the Teacher

October 30, 2011

The past two weeks we have been learning the letter P.

Our field trip to Bergey's was a huge success and the children all got to take home their own pumpkin. This fit right in with our letter P activities.

And the children and Mrs. Murphy told me how much fun they had on Pajama day, eating pancakes, watching Dave and The Giant Pickle and eating popcorn!!

Here are some of the other things we did for letter P, fall and Halloween:

Books: Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater was our nursery rhyme for the letter P. We also read Little P, Piggies, I Like Pumpkins and the story of Peter in the Bible.

Mrs. Murphy read If You Give a Pig a Pancake to the class on Pajama day. Then on Wednesday, we read it again. Only this time I let the kids read it to me based on story sequencing and the pictures. This was really a lot of fun for the kids and it worked on their reading readiness skills.

Language Arts: our sentence of the week "Penguin Pete put a _____ in his pocket."

We worked on our workbook pages for the letter P. We had letter P magnet pages on the white board. This is something we will have with every letter we introduce. These letter pages have circles inside the letter of the week. Children place button magnets on these circles. This activity works on fine motor skills using their fingers with the magnets as well as letter recognition.

Centers: Sorting and counting colored Halloween spiders with tweezers. Our science center was learning about growing pumpkins from the seed to the pie! We also had a fall sensory bin. This bin was full of different color leaves, ribbons, pine cones, plastic apples and pumpkins. The object here is just feel the texture of different fall items. In addition, in this bin were some math mats with different numbers. The children could count and sort the different fall items and place them on the correct mat.

Art: We are still working on our pumpkin patch. Dirt, seeds, roots, vines and now flowers are hanging in the hallway.

"5 Little Pumpkins Sitting on the Gate" The children made their gates with craft sticks and then counted out 5 pumpkins and place them on the gate.

Painting pink pigs with pudding was the kid's favorite of the week. The best part was licking their fingers and hands when they were done.

Bible: We read the story of Peter. Peter was able to walk on water while he was focused on Jesus. But once he became afraid and doubtful, we fell into the water. We should always keep our focus and our eyes on Jesus! Pastor Kevin continued his story of Jacob.

Fine Motor Skills: Coloring, cutting and pasting the pumpkin sequence in their journals. Sorting Halloween spiders with tweezers. Fall sensory bin. Lacing cards.

Gross Motor Skills: Playing outside and in the gym.

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Thank you,
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