



Discovery Zone Gazette

Infants Make a Furry New Friend

The first week of February, the Infants learned about Groundhogs. The children enjoyed a book called, The Secret of Little Groundhog, where the infants were engaged with the pictures. The infants also painted their own cut out groundhogs with the color brown where they worked on fine motor skills.

We learned a new song called, "I'm a Little Groundhog" which we sang of-ten through out the week! The class also had a new furry friend join us for the week! A stuffed animal groundhog was snuggled and played with, which was a great way for the children to express emotions.



During the second week, the infants celebrated Valen-

tine's Day. All of the infants made cards for their parents with painted handprints. They also made heart handprints for the bulletin board where they got to experience the gooeey feel of the paint. The children learned how to say "I love you" in sign language as well.

For the third week the class continued learning about love with the theme "Red Hearts." The infants enjoyed dipping their hands in red paint to spread around the paper. The classroom had a red ball for the week to work on large motor skills, such as bouncing and rolling. The children also built social/emotional skills with books and songs dealing with hearts.

The final theme was about the five senses. The infants got the chance to touch the snow. They listened to the song, "Head and Shoulders" and pointed

to and learned the names of several body parts. The children also had fun while looking into mirrors and making different facial expressions. The book that week was called Baby Faces.



Lastly, the infant room would like to congratulate Jackson and Izabel on their transition to the toddler room! We also want to welcome Olivia and her family to the class.

For the month of March the infants will learn about pets and celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Discovery Zone Learning Center

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Important Dates:

- Please remember to call the center if your child will be out or running late for the day so that we can always be staffed appropriately.
- Reminder: sign your child in and out *everyday*. This is extremely important so that we know where the children are at all times.
- FUN DAY- Friday April 2nd and April vacation, be on the look out for sign up forms.
- CAMP DISCOVERY- all registration forms are due by 4/3/10.

You Can "Count" on Learning with Toddlers

The toddler room would like to welcome Jackson, Izabel, Caitlin and their families to our class.

The first week of February, the children explored numbers. One project they were worked on, built hand-eye coordination as the children manipulated clothes pins to match dots on a plate. They also got to practice counting

skills as they built block towers. The children practiced setting the table by counting dots on spoons and matching them to dots on plates.



The second week of February, the children worked on many different Valentine projects. They prepared

heart shape toast with strawberry cream cheese for the party. They worked on language development and vocabulary enhancement as they learned new songs and finger plays such as, "I Love You" and "My Valentine." The children used hand-eye coordination by using eye droppers to transfer colored water

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onto heart shape coffee filters.

The third week, the children learned about Home, Family and Me. They explored house hold

items by taking turns identifying them such as whisk, egg beaters and egg timers. They worked on communi-



cation and language skills by identifying items they used in a house collage. They also really enjoyed building houses with wooden blocks.

The last week of the month, the children explored colors all around. They used hand-eye coordination to match the colored yolks in "Fried Egg Match." The children explored differ-

ent colors as they made a spy glass using colored cellophane. They also enjoyed finger painting two colors to make a new color.

In March the toddlers will learn about Lions and Lambs, along with other animals, St. Patrick's Day & weather.

Preschool B is All (Healthy) Smiles!

In the month of February Preschool B learned about dental health, Valentines Day and Dinosaurs.

During the tooth week, Preschoolers learned about why it is important to go to the dentist. The children were able to use toothbrushes and toothpaste to paint a picture.

This activity allowed the children to work on their small muscle skills. Teeth patterns came out great!

The children used colored teeth to create their own pattern inside a smiling mouth. Also during this week the class discussed healthy



snacks and worked on packing a healthy lunch.

Valentine's week was so much fun! Our party was such a huge hit and the snack turned out great. Thank you to all the parents who brought something in. Make sure you take a look at our Valentine's Day celebration book in the reading area. During this week, the children worked on heart fish.

They worked very hard on using scissors to cut out all of their heart shapes to create a fish.

The class' favorite theme was dinosaurs. The children enjoyed two, long, weeks full of activities. The children

created their own dinosaurs out of shapes. This let them use their creativity and small muscle skills. Another project was 'Look How Big!' We were able to fit 10 children inside a dinosaur's footprint! This allowed the children to use scientific inquiry and see spatial awareness concepts.



During the month of March we will learn about Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day and community helpers.

We would also like to wish Nolan a Happy Birthday on March 13th!

Lots of love was sent to Preschool A

During the month of February preschool A learned about four exciting themes, Groundhog Day, Valentine's day, mail and dental hygiene.

Groundhog Day was the first theme.

The children learned all about shadows that week by going on a shadow walk and experimenting with making shadows. The children created

groundhog puppets and hats. The children's favorite activity was the Groundhog Adventure Book. Each child took a turn to make up a line in the story and then illustrated his/her page. I'm sure you got a chance to



read it, but if you haven't, please do!

For the second week of February, Preschool A learned all about Valentine's Day. This was an exciting theme for both teachers and children. To practice counting and fine motor the children counted candy hearts and glued them on a large heart. . The children did excellent with this.

Heart prints were also made using paint and heart shaped cookie cutters. The children used fine motor skills to stamp the cutters. Finally, a class favorite activity was the Valentine

March. Hearts with numbers were laid on the floor and music was played. The children marched from heart to heart and when the music stopped they identified which number they were standing on.

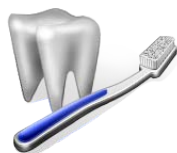
The third theme was mail. The children loved all the letters that they received! Thank you to everyone that wrote one and please take look at our bulletin board with all of them posted. To practice writing letters, the children were encouraged to write their addresses.



Preschool A Continued

Creative expression was the focus as the children used stamps and stickers to create a "Stamp Collection." In honor of mail delivery, the children each made a mail truck.

Our final theme of the month was dental hygiene. Preschoolers enjoyed



a sensory experience while painting with toothbrushes and floss. The children learned about nutrition as the class discussed healthy vs. unhealthy foods. The children learned when to brush their teeth and read a lot of books about the dentist and teeth.

Thank you to all who helped make our Valentine's Day party such a blast!

For the month of March the themes include, Dr. Seuss, Animals that live in different places, St. Patrick's Day and Emotions.

We would like to welcome Hannah and her family to our classroom.

