



COUNTRY CHILDREN'S HOUSE NEWSLETTER

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

APRIL 2009



MATH & SENSORIAL

"E" week-We put plastic eggs with numbers on them in order in an egg carton and sorted eggs by size and color. We continue to work hard on number recognition.

"Ch week"-We enjoyed chick counting and matching chicks to eggs. A favorite this week-the grocery store. Our grocery store lesson included manners at the store (saying please and thank you), counting money (making change), decision making on what to buy, taking turns and number recognition. The children enjoyed taking turns being the cashier and the customer.

"Sh" week-We enjoyed playing shape BINGO all week. We enjoyed counting ships and matching ships this week. We had fun playing a game involving putting shells on a sandy beach.

Math & numbers are around us everywhere. Use opportunities around you to have fun working with your child on numbers, adding, subtracting & shapes.

SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY



"E week"-We named the planet on which we live-the Earth! We noted the Earth's surface is covered mainly with water. We learned that the large water is called an ocean and that the land is called continents. Then we dug deep into the center of the Earth-the inner core! We had fun making our Earth model that showed all of its layers-the inner core, the outer, the mantle & the crust! Thank you to the many parents who made play-doh for this project. We all agreed we should take care of our Earth!

"Ch week"-We discovered many facts about China and located Asia on our map and we tried a hand at using chopsticks. Besides using chopsticks, the Chinese use a bike as a form of transportation. Chickens-we learned the hen lays eggs, the chick hatches in 21 days. We will enjoy watching our classroom chick eggs hatch around May 5th.

"Sh" week-We discussed sharks & how they come in many shapes & sizes-some have flattened bodies while others are torpedo shaped. The shark's scales are not as soft & big as on the fish-they're actually called denticles & rubbing them the wrong way can scrape your skin. A shark can lose over 30,000 teeth in its lifetime. We enjoyed learning about the sheep and observing some sheared wool that we had in our classroom. One sheep can produce up to 20 lbs. of wool in one shearing. We took a close look at some seashells & discussed how each had once held a soft & boneless bodied animal.



LANGUAGE & PRACTICAL LIFE

We learned about blends and learned that some letters when they are put together make a different sound than they do by themselves. This is a hard concept, but when grasped, it makes learning to read much easier. We have all grown so much this year.

"E" week-Along with our "E" sound box & letter gluing, we celebrated our differences with Elmer by reading Elmer by Donald McKee.

"Ch" week"-Along with our "ch" sound box, we enjoyed a favorite Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault and Ten Little Chicks.

"Sh" week-Along with our "sh" sound box some choice works included: a favorite-writing our letters in shaving cream and shell stamping. In practical life we enjoyed shining silver & shoe tying.

**Many of our friends continue to join the "Alphabet Club" after writing the alphabet in upper and lower case forms.

ART & MUSIC



"E" week-We enjoyed art at the easel all week. We made emotion pictures and Everybody art on a mural. Many of us made Elmer the elephant pictures to display. We used the art technique of etching.

"Ch" week-We enjoyed chalk drawings, paper chains & a crowd pleaser, "The Chicken Dance".

"Sh" week-We enjoyed shaving cream art. We enjoyed exploring with clay, making different shapes. We made musical shakers & shell necklaces.

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Art & Music-The children gain appreciation of famous composers and artists through hands-on experience with numerous instruments and techniques of art that are introduced each day in the classroom.



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