

News from the Nest

D.C.H. Kindergarten update

November 17, 2017



Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone for meeting with me this week for parent teacher conferences. It is great to get the chance to communicate all of the wonderful things that the children in our class are doing. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have going forward.

Although it was difficult to say goodbye to Jenn this week, the children were all very excited to welcome Sarah to our classroom! They have all enjoyed teaching her about the rules and routines of our classroom. I know that you all have joined us is wishing Jenn the best on this new chapter in her life. She will surely be missed!

We were very lucky this week to not only have a visit from our Spanish teacher, Alexandra, but we also had a mystery reader! Thank you to Matthew's mom, Emily, for reading two of Matthew's favorite stories to the class on Monday. They really enjoyed the activities that you planned to go along with the stories!

Jayma

Science: This week's SCI-FRI activity involved a very complex concept: inertia. This concept means the tendency of an object to stay at rest or to remain in motion until a force acts upon it. We tied this in to our transportation unit by talking about how our body feels when we are in a car and have to stop quickly. Children were challenged to get a hex bolt into a soda bottle that is resting on top of an index card, and then a plastic hoop, without holding the card or hoop. Look for more SCI-FRI updates on our webpage soon.

Math: In connection with our transportation unit in Treasures, we worked on a few vehicle related lessons. On Monday, children completed several pattern sequences during a cut and paste activity. Then on Wednesday, children made their own vehicle counting book with varying numbers on each page. This activity helped children practice their counting skills, and number recognition as well as working on their fine motor abilities.

Social Studies: The children were very excited to mail our letter to the veterans on Tuesday! We walked to the local post office to deliver the envelope, and each child had a chance to place a stamp on it! We are hoping that we even get a letter back from one of the troops.

Special Reminder:

There will be no school next Thursday or Friday, November 23rd and 24th. We hope that everyone has a wonderful, long weekend!

L This week was the second week of unit 3 in Treasures on "Transportation". We talked a lot about where we have traveled and new places that we might like to visit someday.

I The new vocabulary words this week were *travel, journey, prepare, relax, and familiar* and we also added the word "go" to the word wall. Our read aloud story for the week was a folktale called "Timimoto" about a tiny man that ends up defeating a giant and being the hero of the town.

T We introduced a new phonics partnership this week called the "nose sound" letters. The sound for both letter "m" and "n" are made through your nose, demonstrated by pinching the nose, allowing no sound to pass. The difference in the letter sounds is that "m" is made with lips closed, and "n" is made with lips open and your tongue up in the roof of your mouth. Next week we will continue to review all of the phonics sounds that we have learned so far.

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Handwriting

We began a new group of letters in our handwriting program this week called the "corner starter" group. As you can expect, these letters begin in the corner, but are all a little different after that. So far this week we have learned letters "H" and "K" and the children did very well with them. A fun trick to help children form the letter "K" is to think of a "karate kick" that hits the middle of the "big line". We even had fun saying "hi-ya!" as we practiced writing the letter in our journals.