

NOVEMBER 7

Pre 3/4 monkeys

Important Dates...

November 24-28, No school

Books we love...

- 16 runaway pumpkins by Dianne Ochiltree
- The Little White Owl by Tracy Corderoy
- 不會跳舞的長頸鹿
- 蚯蚓的日記

Songs we sing...

Word Families by Dr. Jean

Peanut Butter by Dr. Jean

西風的話



Sand Castles and flags!

沙堡和旗子

The recent rain has added a new element of fun to the sandbox. Many of the children noticed that the sand is more pliable and they have begun attempting to build sand castles. The most recent weather, however has been drying out the sand and they have begun to find, after much play and experimenting that the sand in the shaded areas remains wet longer than that in the sun. One child even tried to explain this concept to a peer when he began to get upset when his sand wouldn't keep shape, "come over here and dig in the shade. Dig, see it's still wet and cold". Many other children heard this and moved into the shade themselves. After a couple days of building sand castles one child exclaimed "We need flags for the top". Thus the class began a flag making factory. After nap one day, all of the children began making and decorating flags, which they took to outdoor play the following day. They even shared their flags with another class and explained what they were for when several of the other students attempted to use them as candles in birthdays cakes.



Fun with Rhymes...

We have been having a blast learning about rhyming words. We have a favorite song by Dr. Jean called word families that the children just love. It helped to inspire them to play with rhyming words with each other's names and make up silly songs. To help reinforce this appreciation of rhymes, we have made several games in which the children find a match to pictures. For instance, if they have a picture of a shoe they then need to find the picture of the number two. The best part of these games, for us, is seeing how well the children work together. If it appears a child is stumped, they may ask a peer for help which everyone is eager and willing to do or the other children will ask them "would you like a clue"? They enjoy the games so much that they are now asking to play them on their own, outside of circle time.



Circus 馬戲團...

Many children have been pretending that they are going to a circus or build a circus with blocks which led us into several discussions about what we might see if we went to a circus. We talked about the animals we would find and the tricks they would perform (大象, 獅子, 老虎, 長頸鹿) and then watched a video and saw pictures of the animals doing the tricks (表演特技). They have a lot of knowledge about what type of animals they may see and are enjoying learning about the many other attractions a circus has to offer as well. Seeing the acrobats via video and pictures has been a highlight as well as the elephants balancing on a ball. A favorite activity we recently did about the circus was a magazine scavenger hunt. Looking through child friendly magazines and catalogs the children cut out pictures of things they thought we would find at a circus. This activity led to some great debates about some of the finds. Another craft the children enjoyed was making clown crowns. Many of the children wore their crowns all day!



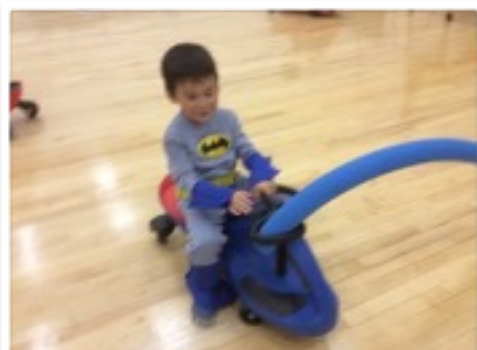
Clown Crown!

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Imagination Day 奇異幻想日...

Imagination day was a lot of fun for the teachers and children alike. We loved to see the connection between several of the children's costumes and their storybooks. We especially enjoyed the children's take on the stories they shared. We are every impressed with how well they knew their stories and how articulately they were able to retell or paraphrase the story to their peers. Thank you to all the families who participated in Imagination Day by inspiring your children to connect costume to story!





Happy birthdays 生日快樂:

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