

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a good week and that this email finds you all well. As always on a Thursday you will hear from me giving you an idea of our busy learning week inside the Ladybird Class. My little ladybirds were busy with:

Numeracy: We have continued to practice our counting skills through songs and fun activities. We also concentrated on comparing lengths using comparative language to solve problems and answer questions such as tall/er and short/er. We used non-standard forms of measurement such as the popsicle sticks to compare the lengths of objects in our classroom. This week's shape was the circle. We observed things around us that are round and we drew circles in the air, some were big and some were small. Speak to your child about the shape when at home and outside.

During literacy this week I introduced the sound of "n" and "c". We reinforced the learning through songs, crafts and some writing of these letters. If you wish to practice these sounds at home with your child, below is the link for the Jolly Phonics Song. You can sing it with your child and help him/her learn the sounds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-RBQcSMYOk&t=127s>

Our Fine Motor skills exercises are ongoing. **Fine motor skills** are those that involve a refined use of the **small** muscles which control the hand, fingers and thumb. With the development of these **skills**, a child is able to complete **important** tasks such as writing, feeding oneself, buttoning and zippering. Little hands need to develop dexterity and strength. We do this through finger aerobics, beading, threading and playdough to mention just a few.

Another fun session was when we talked about our family and what a family tree is. The children were clearly so pleased to speak about their wonderful families. The best part was when they drew their

family and each child was describing each member of their family as they drew.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

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