

## OCTOBER (OCTUBRE) 2015 ENRICHMENT NEWS

Our first weeks together have gone quite smoothly. The children have made many new friends, and have become comfortable with our daily routine.

Our day begins with a format much like a traditional classroom. Centers are set up so the children can socialize and become familiar. After centers, we gather on the carpet for prayer, pledge, story time, the calendar and weather, plus many musical lessons. At this point our Thematic Unit begins.

September's (Septiembre) Thematic Unit was "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom". Here are a few examples of what we did. We read the story "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" and "Chicka Chicka 1-2-3". We extended the story by playing the guitars to Greg and Steve's ABC Rock and The Numbers Rock. Jack Hartman also has a hip-hop version of the alphabet the children enjoy. We played several alphabet games such as Monkey See, Monkey Do and Banana Match. I introduced the letter "c". We played ABC Freeze Frame and sorted many objects beginning with "c". The corn table is always a favorite. This is where they get to dig for letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. In math, we played a game called Counting Coconuts using dice, coconut trees, and coco cereal. We also played a game called Banana Bunch. The children had to "bunch" the matching numbered bananas into groups of 2, 3, or 4. We played a directional/positional game using the "Chicka Shakers" that they made. In art, the children created shape and handprint coconut trees.

Numbers, colors, and shapes were introduced in Spanish. We will review them daily. We welcomed Senora Ruby to our Wednesday afternoon class to teach Spanish!

Please remember to label all book bags, lunchboxes, and clothes. This will help keep everyone's items organized. We encourage the children to take care of their own belongings. We will use the outdoor playground as much as possible as long as it is not wet. Please send jackets/sweatshirts to use outdoors. It is chilly in the mornings.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or stop by the Enrichment room.



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(OCTOBER'S THEMATIC UNIT IS FALL)