

MARCH (MARZO) 2017 ENRICHMENT NEWS

Even though the Groundhog did see his shadow, we were able to go outside to enjoy the playground. Please make sure your child has adequate outdoor clothes.

We talked about the Groundhog and shadows. Using flashlights, we went into a dark room. We had fun performing many experiments angling the light up/ down and close/far to make our shadows larger/smaller and shorter/taller. We made shapes using our hands. We continued shadow experiments using dinosaurs and penlights.

The letter "V" Valentine: We did many Valentine activities. The children traced the letter "V" with red, pink, and purple pom-poms. The concept of first and last was introduced and developed. The children searched for hearts with their first and last names. They had to identify which heart came first (the left) and which heart was last (the right). The children also used the laminate mittens and boots to continue the left/right and first/last concept. We played many fun games using left and right along with matching. We even danced the Hokey Pokey!

The letter "D" Delivery: We played postman and delivered letters (the alphabet both upper and lower cases) to the mailbox. The children had to identify a letter, it's sound, and a word that begins with the letter. The children also enjoyed playing our alphabet candy heart letter game. This also reinforces the letters and their sounds.

The letter "R" Red: We made many heart Valentines in art. Again, this is a great avenue to use in order to develop fine motor (painting, cutting, gluing), along with cooperative directional skills (assembly).

The children always enjoy the parachute. This is an activity that exercises great control. We played Hearts a Flutter. The children counted hearts and placed them on the parachute. Next, they followed many directives (fast, slow, up, down, ect) in order to keep the hearts from flying off the parachute. After we counted all of the hearts that were left on the parachute as well as the ones that fluttered to the floor.

In science we explored magnets. We experimented and predicted what would happen with candy conversation hearts that were placed in clear soda, vinegar, and baking soda. We also determined if a candy conversation heart would sink or float.

March 1 is the beginning of Lent. We will talk about GOD and HIS love for us all. The children have made great friends. The older children have been great role models for our younger students. They are so helpful and set positive examples for all. We work as a team, and the results warm our hearts. On Wednesday afternoons we will go to Chapel to do the Stations of the Cross. Look for a booklet at the end of Lent.

March's Thematic Unit is Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, and the continuation of Lent and Easter. →

This will be the first newsletter without an attached bill. Your monthly Enrichment tuition will remain the same (unless you changed your schedule) and is due on the 15th of every month. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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