



News You Can Use

November 1, 2019

Large Group:

In large group we continue to work on phonics (letter sounds) and counting skills. This week the children worked on words ending with -ing, -at and -op. We then created a list of words for each ending sound.

When carving out pumpkins the children voted on what eyes, nose and mouth we should put on the pumpkins. After we carved the pumpkins the children helped pull out the pulp. Some kiddos were more willing to touch the pulp while others wanted nothing to do with it. Overall we had a great time.

On Friday we introduced some items to help us learn about Veterans. We had a tent, sleeping bag, helmets, vests, cooking materials and binoculars. As we introduced the items we compared how we (at home) live verses how the Veterans live while serving our country.

Literacy:

There Was An Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything by . This is such a great book that works on repetitive phrases. By the end of the week the children were able to read the story with me and complete the actions when appropriate.

On Friday we read The Flag We Love by Pam Munoz Ryan and The Pledge of Allegiance.

Speech Corner:

The children just love the mystery box and this activity is really getting them to think about and use some great descriptive words. This week I placed a small stuffed spider in the mystery box. The children came up with the words: fuzzy, soft, squishy, and round. I tricked them this week-many students thought it was a teddy bear:-) Next we did an activity to provide additional practice for letter naming and sound association. I spread several pumpkins face down on the floor. The children chanted with me "Pumpkin pumpkin on the ground, pick up a pumpkin and make that sound". Each child picked a pumpkin, labeled the letter for their friends, and then as a class we made the sound of that letter. Lastly, we had some science fun. We lined up 5 mini plastic jack-o-lanterns in a baking pan. We put baking soda inside each jack-o-lantern. Then we created our magic potion using orange food coloring and vinegar. Lastly, we used the squirt bottle filled with our potion to make our jack-o-lanterns bubble over. During this activity we had fun predicting what step came next and talking about what was going to happen when we added our magic potion to our jack-o-lanterns. Many children thought the pumpkins were going to fly up in the air like a rocket:-)

OT Corner:

This week we continued on with our handwriting and learned how to write capital "E". We traced on our paint bags and sang our "start your letters at the top song". Capital "E" uses big line, little line, little line, little line. Students did great and are really interested in forming letters. Keep practicing at home. So far they learned (L, F, and E). We will continue with our line progressions before we get to curved letters.

Choice Time Activities:

Kitchen/Dramatic play: Apple pie making and decorating Veteran's Day decorations for the assembly next Thursday.

Blocks and Cars: We measured using non-standard measuring tools (mini pumpkins and gourds and we made a class scarecrow using newspaper as

the stuffing and we added our Veteran's Day materials- tent, sleeping bag, helmets, vests cooking materials and binoculars.

Feeling Table: In this area we explored floating items and non floating items. Children used scoops and strainers to gather floating apples and pumpkins.

Quiet reading: New Halloween and fall books were added to this area. Children are always welcome to go to the reading area during choice time.

Table Toy Activities: Name cards have been added in at the start of Table Toys, after completing the name cards they are allowed to find a table toy to play with.

Kitchen/Dramatic play: Dress up continued to be a big success. We enjoyed watching the children transform into Police Officers, dancing hippos, Fire Fighters, pirates and cowboys, riding a horse.

Next week we will begin our unit on Families. Over the next week, please send in a fun photo of your family. We will show them on the TapIt (kind of like a T.V) for all the kids to see. Each child will get to talk about their photo.

We will also continue to discuss the Veteran's and practice the song we will sing to the Veterans during the Veteran's Day Celebration.

Important Dates:

Veteran's Day celebration is on Thursday November 7th.

AM is at 10:45 and PM is at 2:45

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8th

Thanksgiving Break will be November 25-29.

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