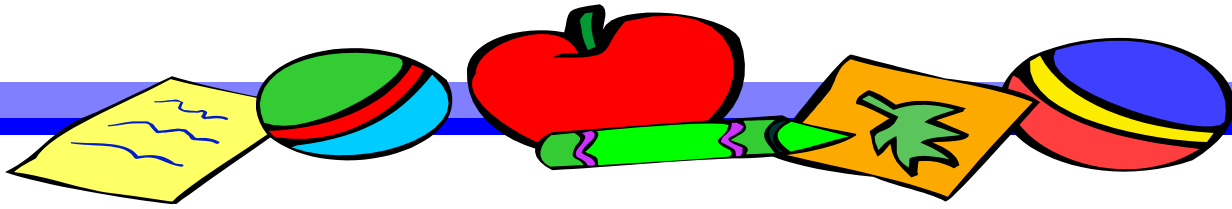


St. Mary's School
Miss Perry's 4K Family Newsletter

2-5-12

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Last Week:



Tae, Marah, Bruce, and Tyler all working together to put the triangle puzzle together.

Last Week:

The students were engaged as they built with the unit blocks and leggos, wrote the alphabet on our chalkboard alphabet (this has really added a lot of interest to our writing center and students will spend a considerable amount of time writing all of the letters underneath the alphabet letters as well as identifying which letters are in their names and then copying those too!) The corn, tweezers, multi-colored cotton balls, and fake insects had many children playing “hide and seek” with the objects in the table. Students would take turns hiding the objects and have the other students (or sometimes me) close their eyes and feel for the objects in the table. This drew quite a bit of excitement and really involved them using their senses: one of the great things about corn is it involves not only their tactile senses (touch) but their auditory senses as well.

I encourage anyone who would like to make a sensory table of their own at home. It can be done by simply purchasing a Tupperware bin and adding things like sand, dirt, dried corn, feathers (I would only use fake feathers due to the germiness of real feathers, though), flax seed, bird seed, water, etc. etc. It's just a great way for students to be using their senses to explore. (I have had a few parents discuss making one of these with me, so I thought I would include that in my newsletter).

I have had a few parents asking me if there is anything I need for my classroom: although it is by NO means a need, one of the things I would LOVE to have for my classroom would be little wicker baskets-I am very Montessori inspired and I would love to have my classroom contain more natural and aesthetically-appealing baskets than those I currently have now. IF anyone happens to have old baskets (about the size of a shoe box or maybe a little bigger) that they are no longer using, our classroom could certainly benefit. For those of you who have one of these you are NOT using, if you are interested, I'd love to have some for my classroom.

Shutterfly Information: To access class pictures, you can go to www.shutterfly.com. Use the email: sperry@baldwin-telecom.net to log in and the password is PreKisgreat. Please note: the pictures won't be uploaded until Monday or Tuesday.

PLEASE REMEMBER: On Thursday, Joan Simpson (a nurse from the school district) and Katherine Frank will be completing hearing and vision screenings with the students in the classroom. If you do not want your child to participate, please write a note stating that. Thank you!



Malorie, Lily, Brynn, and Ivree sorting the dinosaurs together.

This week:

This week, our centers will be as follows: Art: Painting, play dough, and coloring/cutting. Blocks: Giant Leggos and Tree Blocks, the Math and Science Center will include puzzles, 1:1 correspondence sets, geodes, patterning activities, seashell sorting, etc. The library contains a variety of books with literature covering a wide range of subject matter. The sensory table will consist of corn, tweezers, and multi-colored cotton balls. The writing center will include writing and cutting materials as well as the alphabet on our chalkboard. We will be reading the following stories: A House is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman, From Head to Toe by Eric Carle, Click, Clack, Moo Cows that Type by Doreen Cronin, and The Jacket I Wear in the Snow by Shirley Neitzel. The students and I continue to learn new brain gym movements in the classroom. I will try to make a sensory table I Spy sheet with a list of some items for students to look for objects in the sensory table given their interest in hiding and finding things. ***For those of you who didn't turn your book bags in on Thursday, please turn them in on Monday so everyone can get their book bag right away!!! ☺

February Dates to Remember:

Please remember there is NO February Family Fun Night-they are going to be held on 3/22 and 4/24 at Paperjack.

If you are interested, our school is hosting a fundraising dinner on the evening of February 10-there are handouts regarding this by my classroom door if you would like more information. **Thursday February 16 is an early dismissal day in the afternoon (at 12:45).**

There will be no school on Monday, February 20th. Wednesday, February 29th is an Early Disimissal Day-students will be dismissed at 12:45.

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