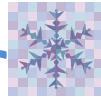


News Letter



December 2011

Circle time/ work time: A couple of weeks ago we have talked about weather. We talked about rain (how it forms in the clouds, and has a cycle); we talked and looked at pictures of the Cedar Rapids flood. We talked about snow (each snowflake has 6 points and no snowflake looks the same) and snow storms. We talked about what we would wear in the winter (hats, gloves, coats, scarf, boots, and snow pants), we talked about different winter activities that we do (sledding, snowmen, snow balls), and what animals did during the winter (hibernate, migrate, and store food). We explored the different types of cloud in the sky. We talked about tornados, how they are formed and what we would do if there was a tornado at school or at home.

The last few weeks we have been talking about the seven continents (North America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Antarctica, and Australia). We live in North America. Africa is the second largest continent. Antarctica is the coldest continent. Asia is the largest continent. Australia has only one county. Europe is connected to Asia. We learned about the United States of America and the state we live in (Iowa) and this city we live in (Cedar Rapids). We looked at a map of Iowa and the different cities, rives, and lakes on the map. We leaned some interesting facts about our city. We learned what is produced in Iowa (grain, pigs, corn).

We have been talking about opposites. We have been practicing rhyming words. We have been sorting objects (healthy vs. non- healthy, veggies vs. fruit, indoor objects vs. out door objects). Students continue to work on their fine motor skills with doing tweezers work and beading string through small objects. Student's are making and mixing their own colors to form different colors. Some students are practicing sewing, and some are practicing folding.

Reading: Students are continually reading from our book series that we have. We have been practicing comprehension, I will ask them question after they read and then they will draw a picture of what they just read. Other students are practicing reading three letter words, while some are working on letter sounds. Then, some students are working on fluency words.

Writing: Students are working on their hand writing without tears books to practice there writing. A few students are writing sentences. Other students are practicing writing words, and some students are copying words.

Math: Students are continually working on counting by 5's and 10's. Some students are working on time and money (pennies and nickels). Some students are practicing putting 0-20 in order and others are writing their numbers. A few students are doing addition. A few students are working on the hundreds chart and writing 0-100.

Arabic / Islamic Studies /Quran

Asalamu Alaykum

Arabic:

It's been four wonderful weeks since we returned from break. The children have been working hard on their Arabic. Some of the children started practicing how to read and write the Arabic vocabulary, and it's amazing how much they've learned!

Islamic Studies:

During the last four weeks we have been learning about the two first pillars of Islam. First, Shahadah, and second, Salat, and the difference between the Fard Salat and Sunnah.

Qur'an:

We have been reviewing the Surahs from An Nas to Al Ma'un. Please work with your child on these surahs that will help him/her memorize them faster and Insha'Allah everyone will have a nice winter break!

Other:

- No School December 23rd- January 2nd (have a great break!!)
 - While on break remember to practicing reading, writing, and Arabic
 - Let your child do things for themselves
 - They clean up after themselves
 - They get their own snack and pour their drink
 - They put on their own coat
- Half day of school January 11th and January 25th
- No school January 16th
- Pick up time is at 2:45
- If there is any snow on the ground even a little frost, please have your child bring there snow suits. If they do not bring it they will not be allowed to play outside
 - They must have these to be able to play outside
 - Winter gloves (not cotton ones, they get wet)

- Hat
- Boots
- Winter coat
- Snow pants

Art: We made penguins, paper mache snowmen, cotton ball snowmen, Igloo's.

Below: Writing in Handwriting without tears



Below: Working on land forms



Above: Making a Volcano

Below: Working on numbers



Below: Friday picnic lunch

