

Mrs. Leopold's Pre-Kindergarten Newsletter

Week of December 4-8

Circle Time:

We recited more nursery rhymes including: "Jack and Jill", "Little Boo Peep", "Hey Diddle Diddle" and "Jack Be Nimble". We continued to identify and match the rhyming words. Try making up rhymes at home, even if the words are pretend silly words. Playing with words is a lot of fun.

Sunday, December 10 marks the anniversary the United Nations (UN) adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). **Human Rights Day** promotes awareness of human rights issues around the world, and highlights the efforts of the United Nations to improve global human rights conditions for all. Setting aside a day to commemorate, educate and reflect on the principles that form the UDHR means celebrating the rights we exercise everyday and acknowledging that, as we enjoy these rights, we hold the responsibility to promote the rights of all people.

Art:

Silly items: We opened the art supplies and picked out items that we thought would be fun to paint with and we did.

Hills: We used eye droppers to drop droplets of colored water down wax paper ramps to see which made it to the bottom first. "Which ramp is the faster, the higher or lower?" "If the water is colored will that make it go faster?"

Magic: After coloring with wax candles on paper, we water colored on top. The paint did not stick to the wax, it repelled off. Magic happened as our wax design reappeared. "What happened?"

Cows: We glued either white on black or black on white spots to look like a cow.

Small Group: We searched for Little Bo Peep's sheep during a hide and seek game. The children used positional words such as on, in, under, on top, behind, between, and next to, to describe where they found their sheep. They also described to a classmate where a sheep was hiding or where to put a sheep trying to use positional words.

Using the nursery rhyme "Jack Be Nimble", we changed the character's name (Jack) and added in each of our names as we jumped over a candlestick (paper towel with a colored, tissue paper flame). To further reinforce spatial awareness, we interchanged "jumped over" to "jumped around, on, next to, etc".

We explored with various sorting toys and sequencing photo cards. This helped us to practice the standards we are currently working on. Please practice sorting and sequencing at home. Have your child start with an abab (sock, shirt, sock, shirt) pattern and then go to tougher

patterns (aab, abb, abc). Here are some examples of things you can use that are currently in your homes: clothing, crayons, utensils, pasta. Good luck!

Math: We are busy using our number skills with unifix blocks, a non-standard units of measure. We are working on counting, one to one correspondence, measuring and more/less.

Reminders:

We are still waiting for winter replacement clothing for your child's stay at school bag in case of an accident. Please send in long pants and long sleeve shirt and we will send home the short sleeve shirt and shorts. Thanks in advance for cooperating.

Next Friday we will be constructing our very own gingerbread houses. Be on the lookout for them to come home so they make it home in one piece. Thanks in advance for sending in the item you signed up for by next Wednesday at the absolute latest.

Next Friday, December 15 is also the last day to send in an item for the giving tree if you have chosen to have your child participate in this event. Do not feel as though you need to it is completely volunteer.

There is no school Monday, December 25- Monday, January 1. School resumes Tuesday, January 2. Enjoy your winter break.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Have a nice weekend,

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