

Mrs. Leopold's Pre-Kindergarten Newsletter

Week of October 30-November 3

Circle Time: We reviewed colors this week (red, yellow, blue and purple). Please continue to review colors at home with your child. At school we reviewed colors in different ways. Here are helpful hints that you can use at home. Ask your child to point to something that is the color you name or vice versa, you point to a color and ask him/her to tell you what color it is. It is a fun game that you can do wherever you are, even when walking down the street looking at nature or strolling in the supermarket.

We focused on which colors are the primary ones (red, yellow and blue). We read books including White Rabbit's Color Book, I Love Colors! and many others.

We also spoke about shapes. We reviewed hearts, circles, squares, triangles and rectangles.

SCIENCE:

We place candy corn in oil, vinegar, water, and milk and predicted what we thought would happen. We hypothesized why the candy corn dissolved in some of the liquids and stayed the same in the other(oil). When I asked a science teacher her explanation was that "oil is a non-polar liquid, it is not a reactive to sugar while milk, vinegar and water are polar liquids, they dissolve the polar sugar in candy faster." Polar items do not like to mix with nonpolar items.

Art:

Red: We printed with objects that were circles (dot painters, corks, cups, paper towel rolls) onto red paper and glued red buttons and pom poms onto red circle paper.

Blue: We dipped different sized squares into blue paint and printed with them.

Yellow: We glued various items and materials to yellow triangles .

Purple: We glued all different size purple rectangles together to make a silly purple rectangle head.

Writing Center:

Each child has their very own journal in which he/she is doing his/her best work inside. The children can "write"(draw) their own stories then dictate or write on their own by sounding out the letters. We are making sure to date our work so they can date their work and we can see the progression of "writing" over the year.

We are also "reading" on our own. Pre-Kindergarteners "read" by looking at the pictures in books and predict what they think is happening. They are telling the story. Please practice this at home. We are working on reading from left to right as well. We review this on our calendar daily as we figure out what date and day comes next and count the days of the month so far.

We have also been practicing writing our first names a great deal lately. Please reinforce this skill at home so that the children can become even more successful. Each child is so excited to show us the letters they have learned.

Small Group: We played color Hokey Pokey as a review of our colors. Try it at home.

We went on a shape and color scavenger hunt then sorted the items with their matches. We worked on cutting this week. We tried to navigate the scissors around different shapes.

Sensory table: We are now having fun with shaving cream. We are even drawing shapes and letters in it.

Science: We worked with a light box using translucent (see through) and non-translucent items. We used translucent primary color paddles to reinforce color making.

Block Center: We are now designing and constructing buildings out of blocks of all sizes and shapes. It is important to remember that we must build a strong foundation in order to get our block structure to be strong. We are enjoying the new center.

Important Information:

Please send your child with warm clothing to wear outside. We will be going outside daily (weather permitting) and need to be dressed appropriately.

Wear these colors next week...

Monday, November 6 - green

Tuesday, November 7 - no school

Wednesday, November 8 - orange

Thursday, November 9 - black

Friday, November 10 - brown

Remember there is no school on Tuesday, November 7 due to Election Day.

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

Have a nice weekend,

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Here is just one song that we have been singing... it is an old girl scout song...

Make new friends, but keep the old,

one is silver and the other's gold.

The circle is round, it has no end,

that's how long I want to be your friend.