

St John's Nursery School 2's Newsletter

March 8, 2024

by Ms. Sharyn and Ms. Gilda

The children had a great transition back to school after the winter break. They were all very happy to be at school and see their friends and our classroom. They have grown so much since September!



We have been working on shapes, letters and numbers. We are always on the lookout for shapes - they are everywhere! The children made their own "Shape Collage" by gluing cut out shapes onto paper. During snack we love to guess what shape our snack is and see if it matches one of the shapes we have on our wall.



Last week we did some letter recognition projects. Each child decorated their first initial on a large cut out letter. We colored with markers or crayons and decorated with stickers. We hung the letters on a long stick to create a "letter mobile" to hang in our classroom. We read the book "Chicka, Chicka, Boom Boom" and drew a coconut tree on a large sheet of paper. The children used letter stamps to make a tree just like in the book. They all love playing with magnetic letters on the easel. We sing our "Placemat Song" as we distribute the placements before snack. Everyone loves seeing their letter and guessing their friends and it helps us practice and recognize letters.



This week the children were happy to see Ms. Gilda was back! We worked on numbers/counting. Each child was given a number to decorate with colorful stickers. The numbers are now hung on a wall in the classroom. We also read many "counting books". We gave each child a piece of paper with a number written on it. Everyone traced their number with glue and then placed colorful sequins along the number to trace it. We introduced cash registers and pretend money which was fun and helped practice sharing too 😊 So many lessons are learned in the 2s... sharing, boundaries, asking for help, listening and following instructions... I hope your children take good naps as they have earned it!



We hope your children are teaching you some of their yoga poses - they really love our yoga time!



During Spanish, we practiced counting up to diez/ten using our fingers and singing. Ms Ericka also introduced a tablet with an animal counting game that the children loved. We learned about instruments this week. We played los palillos de tambor /drumsticks and learned the names of other instruments (la guitarra/guitar, la flauta/flute, el tambor/drums and el piano/piano. We shook el paracaidas/parachute and crawled under it to relax under las olas/waves!



We celebrated Maggie's birthday! Thank you for sharing *Dig, Dogs, Dig* and for the cupcakes. We celebrated Zoe's birthday! Thank you for the delicious fruit and for sharing *We are Going on a Bear Hunt*.



SONGS

"ABC", "The Ants go Marching", "One Little, Two Little... Ducks"

BOOKS

"Brown Rabbit's Shapes" by Alan Baker, "Bear in a Square" by Stella Blackstone, "Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom" by Bill Martin, "The Letters are Lost" by Lisa Campbell Ernst, "How Do Dinosaurs Count to Ten?" by Jane Yolen, "Five Little Ducks" by Jose Aruego, "Ten Clean Pigs" by Carol Roth, "There Were Ten in the Bed" by Susan Calitri, "Count to Sleep New York City", "Spot Learns to Count" by Eric Hill

REMINDERS

Spring Break is March 25-April 1. We return to school on April 2.
Parent/Teacher conferences are on Thursday, April 11th. Children do not attend school on this day. We will be in touch soon to schedule the appointments.

