

Dear parents,

It is great to be back at school. We started the week by decorating place cards. Each child has decorated their name card with dot art.

These have been laminated and will be used at snack. The place cards give your child an opportunity to find their own name and start to recognize both their own and their friends' names in print. They are very proud of their developing reading skills! The place cards also allow us to mix-up groupings of children. It is fun to discover new friends at snack.

Working with glue and sequins, the children worked on their fine motor skills, affixing the shiny shapes to their initials drawn on paper.

It was a fun activity requiring patience and focus.

We are immersing the children in the alphabet. Along with dot art decorated and laminated name cards we use at snack, the children are also loving our new class book, each page has a classmate's photo and name below. They love seeing pictures of their friends and "reading" the names. We have alphabet puzzles and alphabet magnets throughout the room. The children have also been exploring making letters with alphabet stencils. For this activity they use small golf pencils which helps with developing a tripod grasp. With all this interest in letters we even ate some letters at snack (cookie abc's).

Finally we also had a day of painting snowy landscapes. The children loved mixing glitter in the paint and creating a snowy day picture.

We will definitely repeat this activity since they enjoyed it so much.

Books we read include:

The Letters are Lost by Lisa Campbell Ernst Snow Family by Danielle Kirk Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr and John Archambault

Wishing you a good weekend,

Leslie, Meegan and Tara







