

Happy Friday!

Every morning at circle time we talk about the weather using descriptive language. Looking out the window we describe what we see: blue sky, clouds, rain, snow, fog, branches moving in the wind, and we talk about the clothing we wear for cold and warm days. The wide range of temperatures made this a good week to make weather charts. In each corner of a rectangle the children glued a weather icon and in the middle placed a spinner that can point to the day's weather. We have been talking about the tools of observation, your children know they can use their senses of sight and touch to discover and describe the weather. It is fun to involve them in the daily forecast.

The children have worked with plastic playdough scissors throughout the year. Scissors develop eye hand coordination, hand strength, and build bilateral coordination using one hand to hold the paper (playdough) and the other hand to hold the scissors. Holding scissors with a thumb up hold is hard work! Using "real scissors", the children cut strips of paper making tiny bits of "cheese" and "sprinkles" to put in their very own condiment jars. The kids LOVED this activity and we will continue to add to our sprinkle jars in the coming weeks.

And this week we also continued our exploration of shapes. We read *Bear in a Square* by Stella Blackstone. A new shape for many of the children was a "zigzag." The children love sharing their favorite shapes and counting shapes in the book.

Books we read include:

Who Cares About the Weather by Melvin Berger  
One Hungry Monster by Susan Heyboer O'Keefe  
The Rain Came Down by David Shannon

Oh and there's a photo of the kids in the sanctuary listening to the organist practice. It was a treat to get a mini concert.

Have a good weekend,

Ms. Leslie, Ms. Ryan and Ms. Insley







