

Panda News



January was a Yummy Month

We created and tried many yummy foods this month. We want to thank the parents who volunteered to bring in different foods. They all were yummy! We tried fruit salad, different veggies, english muffin pizzas, and Monster toast. We hope you enjoyed our cook book. Just in case you didn't check the whole book out, the children's recipes are in the back and the adult recipes are in the front.



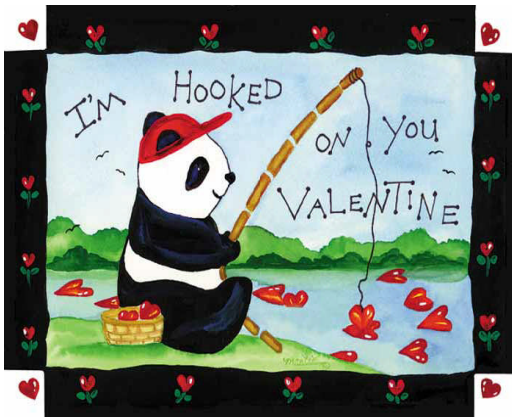
Robby and Kyle Painting their Monster Toast



Lily painting her Monster Toast



Did anyone see the blizzard that was inside. We practiced our cutting skills and made many snowflakes. Cutting is one area that all children need a lot of practice with. Have children cut out pictures in magazines, old holiday cards, or anything that looks fun and inviting. A typical 3-4 year old should be able to cut a straight line and begin to cut out shapes.



Will making Monster Toast



Once Upon a Time....

This is what our theme will be around this month. We will be reading many different fairy tales and stories and creating many projects to go along with them. One example from the story "Cinderella" is that we will be making magic wands. From "The Three Little Pigs" we will make a house out of sticks. Besides fairy tales, we will also be talking about classic books. Magically, a castle will appear in our housekeeping area. We will pretend to be Kings and Queens, Prince and Princesses.

... And They Lived Happily Ever After

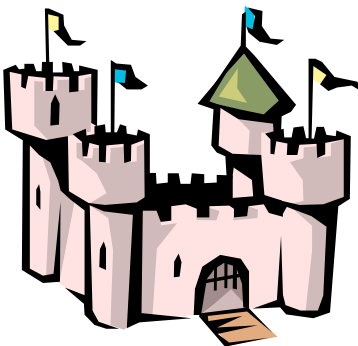
With Valentine's Day right around the corner (corresponding nicely with our themes of fairy tales and the happily ever afters), we will also be talking about "LOVE". We will be making many Valentine projects such as a heart collage, heart people, and our own Valentine bags are just a few.

Speaking of Valentine's, if your child is planning on sending them to his classmates, we ask that you do not address the envelopes. Just have him/her sign his name (if they want) and you can drop them into each bag. We have a total of 20 children. Valentine bags will be sent home on Thursday, Feb. 11th.

All About Me

Last month we talked about ourselves and the special differences that each one of us has compared to our friends. We talked about eye color, hair color, who is tall and who is not. This month we will be talking about who is in our family. We'll count out how many people are in each family and who has more and who has less. What a great pre math skill!

So far we have learned about the sense of taste. This month we will be talking about the sense of touch. If everyone can send in something of a different texture in a brown lunch bag so we can feel what's inside and try to guess what it is, that would be great!



A sad goodbye

We are sad to say goodbye to Becca. She will be leaving us as of Feb. 19th. We wish her well on all her future endeavors.

Happy Birthday

We have 1 birthday this month. Happy Birthday Brendan!

Skills of the Month

This month we will be working on a few different skills. We have done such a wonderful job pouring our own milk and getting our own lunch boxes. We clean up after we eat, throw away our trash and push in our chairs. The children are learning to put on their own coats. We do the Preschool Flip. Not sure what this is, ask your child to show you. Almost everyone can do it now! We are also working on zipping. We start the zipper and they finish it. We would like it if you can practice with your child. Believe me, I know how short on time we all are, and it IS faster if we put everything on for them, but they do need to learn.

We will also be learning our addresses and work on hand strengthening. If you see us crawling down the hall, we are not acting like babies, we are actually strengthening our wrist muscles preparing us for writing.

REMINDERS

- * Please check your child's cubby for extra clothes and make sure they fit. Some cubbies are empty.
- * School vacation sign up is on the door. Please sign up if your child will NOT be here that week. We are closed Feb. 15th.
- * Pick up is at 12:15.. Please try to pick up on time. We are in the process of cleaning the room, getting the resters to the bathroom and then settling down to rest.

Happy Valentine's Day!