

December 4th, 2020



Circle Time & Stories

During circle this week we began learning about our new themes of the month. These include, the color white and the shape star. We will also talk about the holidays and read holiday books. This week we read a story about a Panda who gave gifts to his friends, but was sad that most of them didn't say thank you. The book was titled Thank You, Mr. Panda. We practiced using our manners by saying "thank you" and "no thank you". I pretended to give the kiddos gifts like apples (which are yummy and gifts we would like), and then yucky gifts like worms (that we would not want to receive). We also read some fun books with the titles Christmas Peekaboo and The Biggest Christmas Tree Ever!

Centers

Centers were very exciting this week! We practiced decorating our classroom Christmas tree. The kiddos practiced their fine motor skills while hanging the ornaments as well as identified colors of each decoration. The kiddos developed language skills while describing what they were feeling as they explored the different textures in the Christmas-themed sensory bin. We also played with play-doh. In our classroom we are fortunate enough to each have our own tubs of play-doh. Thanks Miss Jennie!

Specials

We learned some new songs this week. Each day we had extra music and library time where we sang songs and read stories. The songs we practiced were "Jingle Bells", "Hello Reindeer", "I'm A Little Reindeer", and "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star". On Tuesday, Miss Katie brought her fun pop-up book, "The Wide-Mouthed Frog". The kiddos loved the alligator page that pops out at them at the end of the book! As a perfect start to the month of December, it began to snow, so this week at school we took lots of walks outside! On Friday Miss Kayla was unable to visit so we had some extra playtime and we did some scarf play.

Crafts

To begin making some beautiful Christmas decorations and crafts, we decorated white stars with yellow bingo daubers. To make them even more fabulous, we added glitter so now they twinkle! We also used white packing peanuts to add snow to our green evergreen trees. The packing peanuts get sticky with water so there is no need to use glue. I called it, "a little Christmas magic"!

Reminders

- **Pajama Days December 10th & 11th**
- **Holiday Party and Santa Visit December 22nd**
- **No School December 24th- January 3rd 2021**