PreK and K Reflections 2/22- 3/5, 2021

New Nursery Rhymes have been: Jack Be Nimble and Little Bo Peep

Sorting by multiple attributes with 3-D shapes. Love it when they count the vertices. Along with learning the shapes and attributes this is growing his sense of order.

Our physical science lessons have moved from magnets to matter. Forest Friday on the 5th added in the water cycle.

We learned about Washington and Lincoln and extended this by flipping pennies and quarters and documenting the results with tally marks.

Part of our math was revisiting patterns and exploring how shapes can be combined to make new shapes. Tangrams were the perfect material for this given that Chinese New Year celebrations were coming up.

Our students made paper lanterns for lunch table decorations. The Dancing Dragon got us started, followed by a google earth trip to China, some conversations about lunar months and our monthly calendar year. The trail provided zodiac signs after which Miss Justina gracefully became our spinner for our zodiac yoga. Later students worked on making words with Chinese characters and learning by doing some “routines” with Chinese jump ropes.

Color mixing has been very popular. They call themselves scientists which they are! Additional color mixing has been happening at the classroom easel.

Passing our one hundredth day generated some excitement around what bigger numbers looked like so they made some.
We have expanded our 3-D solids to include rectangular prisms. We played abracadabra with our feely bags and then sorted images from our environment to match our 3-D solids.

We started looking at matter by sorting what was inside each jar: a solid, liquid, or gas. We followed that up with a sort of images.

They are doing a fantastic job at tapping the beat to our nursery rhymes. We say beat, beat, now speak, whilst keeping that rhyming tapping on our legs. They did so well that we did it with egg shakers which led to getting out our percussive instruments.

We have been exploring different ways of measuring and continue with our phonemic work and various sound sorts.

For Forest Friday on the 5th balloons were inflated with gas generated from the chemical reaction of a solid (baking soda) and a liquid (vinegar).

Precipitation was explored by loading up a cloud with moisture until it let loose. There were also some condensation and water cycle observations.

Friday was also our Dr. Seuss day. Cat in the Hat hats were found along the trail and Miss Polly created an amazing Seussical lunch.

We are all feeling so grateful for our in person school experiences. Everyone continues to be diligent and understanding. I am beginning to see a light at the end of this COVID tunnel.

Thank you for sharing your children

Miss Nancy