



Starfish Room

November 30, 2007

Dear Starfish Parents,

Wow, it's hard to believe the winter break is just a few short weeks away! Time flies when you're having fun like the Starfish! We've had fun this month and did a number of art projects, played with the sensory bin, and explored a new nature path.

Hanging on our walls are two giant murals. We taped huge sheets of paper to our tables and let the Starfish go wild with the paints. Some stuck to one color and others went to town mixing all the colors. Also hanging on our walls are sticker collages. The Starfish worked hard pulling the backs off the stickers. They did a lot of work on their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

This month we switched out the black beans in the sensory bin and put in water. The children had fun using spoons, mini scoopers, and funnels to transfer water into cups. Later in the month, we took out the water and replaced it with shaving cream. Under the shaving cream we had hidden different animals. The children had a blast digging through the cream looking for animals!

This month, we also went on a number of nature walks. We have discovered a new path and have been actively exploring it. We've been collecting and examining different leaves, seeds, rocks, and sticks.

Aside from all of the above, we did a number of activities focusing on two books, Caps for Sale and The Best Mouse Cookie. With Caps for Sale we made monkey bread (banana bread), played Monkey See Monkey Do, colored monkey pictures, made monkey masks, and reenacted the story using our monkey masks. The children loved pretending to be monkeys!

Activities for The Best Mouse Cookie included making a paper bag mouse, a chocolate chip collage, a mouse matching game, pretending to be bakers, and of course baking chocolate chip cookies. The Starfish love to eat, especially chocolate chip cookies!

As you can see, it was a busy month! Thank you to all the parents who brought in items from our wish list. Also, a Happy Birthday to all our Starfish who will be turning three next month.

Your Starfish Teachers,

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