



KM News

Week of Sep. 15-19

Since we were in a tropical mood last week with Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, this week we focused on an animal that lives in tropical areas- monkeys. We spent time reading great stories and poems about monkeys. We began the week reciting the rhyme "5 Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed" while using hand movements. I had the kids imagine that they lived at the zoo and one night some of the animals decided to jump in their bed! We wrote a list of the animals and then the kids picked their favorite animal to draw jumping on a bed, for example: "4 little tigers jumping on the bed!" The kids did a great job writing the name of the animal and the number. These pages will be bound into a class book.

There are so many great monkey stories to read! We enjoyed 5 Little Monkeys Bake A Birthday Cake and Curious George Goes To School. After reading about the mischievous George, the kids shared what they are curious about. It was a very interesting discussion! The kids also made monkey paper bag puppets, which provided an opportunity for the kids to practice cutting, gluing and of course following directions!

The kids also loved reading a story called Caps For Sale. Many of them have heard this story, and were surprised to see it in a big book format. We talked about the new words in the text, such as: peddler, wares, and upset (when the peddler didn't want to "upset" his caps). Everyone had fun trying to balance a beanbag on his or her head while walking around the room- just like the peddler in the story. The monkeys in the story kept copying the peddler, so we played a game called "Monkey See Monkey Do" with partners.

Here are some questions to ask your child to find out more about our week at school:

- What was in the Mystery Box this week? (Science center)
- What did you do with your 4F buddy?
- What is the Story Telling Center?
- What happened when the class brought Reece's butterflies outside?
- What number are we on for the # of days of school?

Have a wonderful weekend!

Julie