



KM News

Week of Sep. 22-26

This week Mrs. Wishy Washy came to KM! The kids enjoyed reading stories about this farmer and her farm animals. (Ask your child why Mrs. Wishy Washy is upset with her animals...) After reading this big book a couple of times, the kids focused on the words in the text. They looked for repetitive words in the story and also identified covered words in some of the sentences. The kids had fun drawing pictures of animals jumping into Mrs. Wishy Washy's tub and then added the words: "In went the _____ Wishy Washy, Wishy Washy." (check out the picture of the bulletin board on the website). After reading a rhyming story called Mrs. Wishy Washy's Farm, the kids played Rhyming Memory with partners. We read more farm stories and sang the farm song "B-I-N-G-O" this week. We made up our own silly version of the song by replacing the dog with other animals. We read a great story called The Scarecrow's Hat, and then completed a scarecrow *color by letter* activity.

The kids are very excited about our KM Post Office in the Writing Center. This week, each child picked a classmate's name and drew a picture on a "postcard" to mail to him/her. Now the Writing Center is a busy place with kids writing and drawing postcards for their friends. Check out some of the postcards on our website!

This week, our Open Circle discussion was about being a good listener. The kids practiced looking at the speaker, while everyone had a turn to talk around our circle. We discussed why it is important to look at the person talking and not to interrupt. (showing respect and interest in others..)

We had our first Guest Reader this Thursday. Jill Purpura came in and read Tikki Tikki Tembo to the class. We all loved listening to this classic story! Thanks so much for coming in to read to us Jill!

Stay Days were a big success. During the afternoon, the kids went on a tour of the building, while hunting for particular people and places. Along the way, they had conversations with Mrs. Hoyer (school secretary) Mr. Wilkins, and Mrs. Buffum. They also discovered the Teacher Mailboxes, looked at the new wing, looked in the other K classes, and learned where to find additional bathrooms down the hall. In the afternoon, the kids also went to Math Stations. Each bucket was filled with a variety of manipulatives for the kids to explore. During the year, the activities will change often, depending on what we are working on during math time. We will also play partner/small group games, explore math concepts during whole group activities, and work on individual math projects.

The kids also enjoyed a Listening Bingo Game during stay days.

Here are some questions to ask your child to get additional information about our week in KM:

- What do you think is in the Mystery Box this week?
- What story did you read with your 4F buddy?
- Did you play a new group game with your class? (doggy doggy where's your bone?)
- Do you remember the Wishy Washy Woman song? (Oh.. way down in the jungle where nobody goes, is a wishy washy woman washing her clothes...)
- Who did you send a postcard to this week?
- Who mailed a postcard to you this week?
- What activity did you do during Math Stations?
- Who had a turn to be Star of The Day this week? What do you remember about their favorites (favorite color, food, activity, animal)

Have a great weekend!

Julie