

Children's House Two Newsletter

March 2010



Casey is working with the rubber band pattern board. This activity allows Casey to work on her fine motor skills, match patterns, create and name shapes, and experiment with the tension created by the rubber bands.

Destiny is not a matter of chance...

Destiny is a matter of choice...

-Sheila Perino

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As winter wanes we look ahead to the blossoming of spring. Thankfully we do not have to wait until the spring equinox for this to happen. Many children have sprouted new interests, are budding new skills, and blossoming in new relationships.

There's a wide range of activities getting use at this time of year. Our little friends have hit their stride as their focus and aptitude have grown. They are exploring throughout the curriculum and need less guidance all the time. Our tenured children are busy honing the skills they have already acquired as well as exploring with new and more challenging works.

Our curriculum travels will take us to South America. While there we will continue our bird studies, exploring those birds native to the vastly different areas of the continent. We will also continue meeting influential women and discuss their accomplishments. The wide range of cultures both influenced by European settlers and indigenous people will be highlighted. Included in these highlights will be native arts, music, and movement.

We'd love to have folks visit and present to the class on topics related to South America that are near and dear to you...expert or not. Thank you!

“Auction News” ...



The Auction is closer than you'd think!

CH2 is gearing up for a great project. We will be making a **quilt** and each child will have a chance to add some squares. Stay tuned for more details.

Our theme basket will be a collection of games...games for everyone!

A heads up for the following dates:

March

- First Friday – Fri. Mar 5
- Morning Share – Tue. Mar. 16
- No school – Fri. Mar 26

**AMS Auction
Saturday May 1st
7:00**



Shane spent an extended period of time concentrating and experimenting with the various pieces of each flashlight until finding a combination that worked. We then turned off the lights and searched in all, and I do mean ALL, of the dark places.

Working Together....



The children often work in pairs or small groups. In doing, so they satisfy various needs. Sometimes they're teaching each other and sharing their knowledge, sometimes they're in search of socializing, and sometimes they're collaborating. In any case, it's fantastic to see them connecting in kind and productive ways.



Highlight on: Music and Spanish



Music: Ms. Leticia has taken us on a Welsh journey. During the March 3rd music class will we celebrated St. David's Day or Dydd Gwyl Dewi Saint (the Feast Day of Saint David). This day is a national holiday in Wales and dates back to 588C.E. WE ate Welsh cakes, discussed Welsh culture, and viewed images of the clothing and castles prominent in Wales.

Spanish: Katie will continue with vocabulary related to the books we've been listening to. We'll also get a peek into some of the variations on Spanish throughout the countries of South America.



Smiling Colin!!

Weird Bird



By Shel Silverstein

Birds are flyin' south for winter.
Here's the Weird-Bird headin' north,
Wings a-flappin', beak a-chatterin',
Cold head bobbin' back 'n' forth.
He says, "It's not that I like ice
Or freezin' winds and snowy ground.
It's just sometimes its kind of nice
To be the only bird in town."