



Kindergarten Adventures

Winter Fun!

December 5, 2008

We got back into routine right away after Thanksgiving break and continue to learn new things daily!

Language Arts

Color Is Everywhere

We wrapped up the *Color is Everywhere* theme by working on identifying colors and color words with individual car books of colors! Putting together color words was another fun activity we did.

Our current theme in Language Arts now is *Just For Fun*. We started the fun off with the book *Ten Black Dots* by Donald Crews. This book shows you what one to ten black dots can make. After reading the book, we got creative and created our own art work using black dots.

Math

Comparing & Graphing

Patterns no longer fill our Math time; instead we are learning about comparing groups of objects and graphing. First, we worked on matching up an item or items with the same number of items. Then we moved onto identifying which group had more or fewer.

Now we are applying what we learned about the terms "more" or "fewer" to graphing. We made a graph showing how many different shapes of buttons we picked from the bowl. Next, we went on a color

search in the library and put together a graph showing how many color squares we found. Before completing this unit, we will use graphs to ask staff and students at MDS what activity or thing they like more.

Social Studies

Our Five Senses

Social Studies has been something that the class looks forward to! After we went looking around the school to discover what we see, we started learning about the sense of taste. Each of us had the opportunity to see different types of food and share if we like or dislike that kind of food. We added a picture of what our favorite foods are from that group to our five senses book.

You can't leave out actually tasting things when learning about the sense of taste. We tasted a grape, donut, Sour Patch Kid, cheese Dorito, and carrot. After tasting each item, we circled whether or not we liked the taste. Learning about the sense of touch is coming up next!

ASL with Jena

This past week, we read the wonderful book, "Frozen Noses" by Jan Carr. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we did an ASL song, "Snow, Snow" with our great drummer, Karen. After reading and signing the ASL song, the students sorted clothes by 2 seasons, summer

and winter. They did a great job! On Thursday, they read the book to each other. Also, they learned to give a one step direction to each other with winter clothes. For example, a student would tell another to put a scarf on that student's desk. I had a SUPER time with them this past week!



Special points of interest:

- **Homework:**

Please read with your child 15 minutes daily and fill out the book log. When the book log is full, please return it to school.

Practice worksheets will be sent home for you to work on with your child. When they are completed, send them back to school.

A friendly reminder: If you and your child fill out the book log, you will earn a free Happy Meal from McDonalds!

- **Show & Tell Schedule:**

Monday: Nancy & Ruby

Tuesday: Dalton

Wednesday: Maggie

Thursday: Yahir

Friday: Musab

- **Important Dates:**

December 16:

Merger Vote Meeting

December 20-January 4:

No School/Winter Break

Look at Us!

Do you see what we see?



Look at what we like to taste!



Here we are making art out of black dots!

