



Junior Kindergarten Newsletter

Happenings In Our Room

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We hope by now that you have settled back in to daily routines and recovered from the busy hustle and bustle that holidays can bring. The J.K.'s have related stories to one another about their holiday experiences by sharing about grandmas' visits, Santa's gifts, trips in airplanes etc... After the holiday is a lovely time to hear from children the meaningful events that happened in their lives. It is a great reminder as well of where they are developmentally with the concept of time- we are still singing "When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney" by request. The songs linger on...

The J.K.'s have been fascinated with how things connect together. We have been exploring this concept by creating activities that support their questions about making connections. We are talking about magnets and making charts about what things are magnetic and what are not. We are using a variety of materials such as string, tape, links, paper, pipe cleaners

to see how things connect together. The children have used fishing poles with magnets and with paperclips to catch fish and alphabet letters. They have also made a name poster with two sided tape to stick onto something at home. We will keep you posted on where this interest takes us.

The children also have recently been interested in the concept of mail. They enjoy receiving and delivering letters and packages so we are busy helping them to write notes, drawings, and messages to one another. You may be seeing a post office in our room soon. This is such a fun filled way to expose children to reading and writing so that it is meaningful to them.

Please remember if you have any questions, concerns, or stories to share feel free to speak to Ms. Myrna or Ms. EvieAnn.

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Special interests:

9 Thank you to Diane Guest for making the delicious fried rice. What a great way to support the Tsunami Relief effort. A big thanks to all who contributed towards this as well.

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Circle Time Info

Circle Time has been filled with the sound of "solos". Children are beginning to stand up on their own during circle and sing their favorite song to the class. It is a very special moment when a child finds his or her voice and is willing to share it with others. We encourage children to share stories and,

or to sing in front of their class as it offers children the experience of being a performer and of being an audience. Circle Time is such a cozy place to practice these important social skills.

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