



Weekly NEWS

HETTINGER COUNTY HEAD START

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15TH

Important Messages

- ❖ Please remember to send snowpants, boots, a winter coat, hat, and mittens to school with your child. We do go outside twice a day as long as the temperature and/or wind chill are above 0.
- ❖ NO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, NOV. 24TH

Standards

- Maintain focus and sustain attention with minimal adult support.
- Participate in the community of the classroom.
- Identifies letters of the alphabet and produces correct sounds associated with letters.
- Demonstrates control, strength, and coordination of large muscles.
- Observes and describes observable phenomena.
- Uses perceptual information to guide motions and interactions with objects and other people.

What Are We Learning?

TUESDAY: The boys and girls practiced building letters using the wood pieces and mats. A letter was chosen to build by the teacher or children, the teacher would model how to build the letter, and the children will imitate how to build that same letter. This activity helps children develop: letter recognition, organization, directionality, sequencing, listening skills/imitating, and sound/letter association. The boys and girls were each given a set of wood pieces (big line, little line, big curve, little curve). They were introduced to the song, "Wood Piece Pokey" (sung to the tune Hokey Pokey). The children and teachers moved their wood pieces according to how the song told them.

WEDNESDAY: The children were introduced to a "Science Specimen Center" kit. They learned about each specimen in their kit and used the magnifying glasses to explore them in more detail. A new song was introduced during Large Group Time called, "Tap, Tap, Tap." The boys and girls each had a pair of big lines and tapped the lines together according to the directions in the song.

THURSDAY: Today for Small Group Time, the boys and girls rolled and cut their playdoh to make letters on a laminated mat. While doing this activity, children are developing their fine motor skills/strength, letter recognition, size/position, and sensory exploration. Two children chose songs for the boys and girls to sing and move their bodies.

Have a fantastic week!

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