



Ms. Stacey's Classroom News January



What we're learning...

Week of
January 23RD – January 28th

Monday: We will be reviewing what to do in case of a fire. We will practice crawling under a yard stick.

Tuesday: We will be having a fire drill. (weather permitting)

Wednesday: We will be predicting if toys sink or float. We will then take turns to experiment by putting the toys into the water.

Thursday: We will be learning patterns using tangrams. The children will copy a pattern of their choice.

Classroom Reminders

~Please check folders daily

~Please send all snow gear, as we go outside everyday if the feel like temperature is 10 or above.



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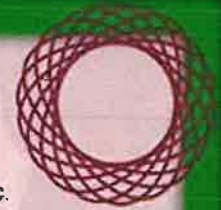
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Early Maths - Tips for Parents

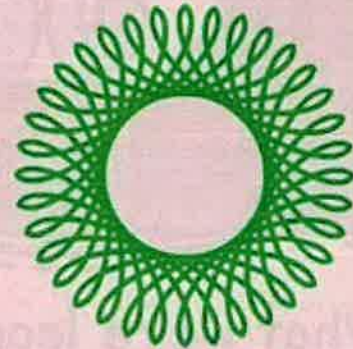


Use maths words

...such as more, less, none, big, small, short, tall, same, different, longer, shorter, heavy, light, etc.

Count...Anything!

- Pegs, cutlery, people, shoes...
- Steps as you climb them and blocks as you stack them
- Flowers on the bush and petals on the flower
- Food - ask how many grapes? How many smarties?
- Collections - leaves, pine cones, shells
- Create a number line on the cement with chalk and jump on the numbers
- Stick numbers on blocks and stack them in numerical order
- Count the toys on the floor - count backwards as you pack them away



Sort things/classify

- Coloured pegs, shells by shape/size/colour, cutlery, buttons, coins, blocks...anything
- Fruit (either plastic or after you do the shopping)
- Clothes as you are folding and match the socks



Shape recognition

- Go for a walk and find all the triangles, or circles, or squares, etc.
- Draw shapes in sand, with finger paint, on the window with shaving cream (Warning - some contain peanut oil), make with play dough, write in a tray of salt, etc. (You can use these also for writing numbers).
- Make up games - race to a triangle, or match a triangle to something in the house and tack it on with Blu-tack...see how many triangles you can find. Label some shapes around the house.

Subitising (recognising instantly an amount in a group)

- Play with dominoes (there are simple domino games) and games using dice
- Use smarties to make numbers like the dots on dice.

Learning patterns

- Create patterns using anything - smarties, buttons, Lego, green and red grapes, cutlery, etc.
- Do musical patterns - clap soft, clap loud, clap soft, two different keys on a piano; shake, bang, shake, etc. Saucepans and Tupperware are great for this.
- Do physical patterns - hop, jump, hop,

As children get good at a simple, AB pattern (shake, bang, shake, bang), make it more complicated like ABBA (shake, bang, bang, shake) or ABC (shake, bang, tap, shake, bang, tap).

Colour

- Have a theme day - e.g. "Red Day" and make red jelly, wear red clothes, use red play dough, etc.
- Make a colour table display - put together all the red toys, pegs, buttons, etc. - Make sure you photograph each display to create your own book of colour.

Money

- Play shops - use old kitchen boxes and bottles for the shop.
- Let children purchase small things themselves when shopping, look at the price, talk about how much money they will need, note change.

