

December 2011
Blue Room News

November is flying by and it's hard to believe the holidays are right around the corner. In the classroom we will focus on the sharing and giving of the holiday season. We will talk about the Christmas and Hanukkah holidays. We will talk about different symbols of the holidays. Please let me know if you would like to come in and share about a holiday tradition your family celebrates.

Sing – a- long

Our winter sing- a-long will be Wednesday December 21. This is an opportunity for a parent-grandparent-caregiver-or other special person to join us for songs and refreshments. Morning time 11:00 am please arrive at 10:45 am Afternoon time 2:30 pm please arrive at 2:45 pm.

The dramatic play for November and part of December is a bakery. The children are using real dough to make many different bakery items (muffins, rolls, cookies) The children enjoy using the bread dough they can roll it, knead it, pound it, poke it and they love adding a pinch of flour. After the bakery we will have a house area with holiday decorations

Monkey bread was a big hit. Here is the recipe:

Refrigerator biscuits

Melted butter

Cinnamon and sugar

Muffin cups and muffin pan

- Cut the biscuit into 4 pieces
- Roll into a ball shape
- Dip the piece in melted butter
- Dip in cinnamon and sugar
- Place in muffin cup
- Repeat with other pieces
- Bake in oven according to directions on the package

Enjoy!!

When I write and draw I am learning:

- To hold a pencil or other drawing implement and to control the pressure
- Eye-hand coordination
- Exercise my creativity and imagination
- That my ideas have value
- Concepts of color, shape, size, and location
- Sometimes to express myself with words to describe my drawing

When I play with blocks I am learning:

- Concepts of shapes, size, space and serialization – all relative to learning to read
- To exercise imagination and creativity
- To express my ideas
- To cooperate with others
- To solve problems
- About the properties of blocks

November 15 - 17

Dramatic play center - Bakery with real bread dough

Small group - working in journals

Art

Tuesday Gadget prints

Wednesday - PLEASE BRING SOMETHING FROM YOUR HOUSE THAT WE CAN USE TO MAKE A PRINT

We will dip the item in paint and press on the paper to see the print.

It should be something that can get paint and water on it.

Ideas - potato masher, fork, Lego, cookie cutter, a lid to a round container, paper towel tube, or something from the junk container

Thursday - cookie cutter prints

Large group

Books - 5 little monkeys bake a cake, Potluck, and Tommy the turkey

Songs - Be my echo, Shoo Fly, Today is Monday

Thursday November 17 Sharing Feast

Each class is sharing a trail mix and we will have apples and cheese.

All three classrooms will gather together down in front of the monkey room and eat snack together.

No school November 22 - 24