



WCA Preschool Times



December 5, 2022

Last week was full of activity. The kids did fantastic at their first winter concert! I was so proud of them!

The fake snow in the sensory table was a hit and it has such a cool, soft and fluffy texture to it. Raised salt paintings were a neat and engaging art and science activity! The kids squeezed out liquid glue on a paper plate, covered it with table salt and then very gently touched it with the tip of a paintbrush that had been dipped in watercolor. It was neat watching the salt absorb the colors and some children really took their time! Decorating the Christmas tree, over and over, in pretended play was definitely a big hit! Playing "body beats" proved to be a little challenging for the class. You can practice this at home by tapping/clapping a very simple 1, 2, 3 patter with your hands, on the floor, on your leg, etc. and then have your child copy you.

Start slowly with only a few beats at once. Make sure if you clap twice, they clap twice. They should be mimicking you exactly. The mitten alphabet cards that went home in your child's folder last week are yours to keep at home. One game you can play with your child is matching ten pairs at a time, flip the lower case facedown while keeping the uppercase face up and then have your child flip and match the mittens. This will be challenging, but keep using the same ten pair until you feel you can move on with more. You can also add in the sound of the letter by ask your child to repeat/mimic you. This week we will continue to focus on family and all the wonderful celebrations that happen this time of year. We will begin making ornaments this week in celebration of the long time WCA tradition of Ornament Day! The upper grades will be making all of theirs next Thursday on the 15th, but for this age we will be moving slow and steady! ☺

Areas of Focus

Family and Community



Literacy and Language



- Books: *Christmas Tree Farm, My Mother's Chair, Christmas in the Big Woods, Momma Do You Love Me? The Tree That Was Meant to Be, Little Red Sleigh*
- Classifying by Color
- Felt Board: *The Night Before Christmas*
- Magic Reveal Sight Words (with water colors)
- Sight Word Find in Books!

Math, Science, Sensory

- * Santa's Sleigh Counting
(Clothe pin the correct number of gifts in the sleigh.)
- * Christmas Tree Sorting
(sorting letters and numbers)
- * Coffee Filter Snowflakes
- * Ornament Making



Important News

➔ Thank you for sending your child in their snow gear each day! Opening is warmer for them and then we head to the playground ready to go.