



WCA Preschool Times

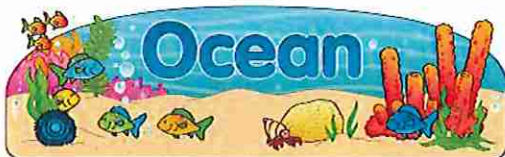


February 6, 2023

Last week was full of ocean activities and sounds! We gained a lot of new knowledge about ocean life! We listened to whales singing during free choice which proved to be rather relaxing. The class enjoyed the sensory table with the under the sea theme. They explored the ocean floor that had sand, shells, sea animals, pretend coral and sifters. They enjoyed sifting through the sand to find shells and stones. Our Styrofoam cup squid activity turned out really cute. We painted the cups, attached long streamers for tentacles and added large googly eyes. We learned that squid have eyes the size of basketballs! Wow! You can see their tentacles hanging in our classroom windows. The PBS Wild Kratts science show is entertaining for children while packed full with factual information about animals and their habitats. There are some great episodes about underwater creatures and animals that we watched during lunch time. On the white board I played ocean habitat videos with sounds while the children had free choice. It was a nice display of ocean life and coral reefs! The weather kept us inside last week due to the windchill temperatures that fell just low enough that we couldn't enjoy our usual outside times. We took several walks around campus to help get the wiggles out and to enjoy the beautiful sun! This week we will wrap up our ocean focus with some fun art projects that will incorporate math and fine motor skills as well. Besides a few days of possible rain showers, the temperatures this week look great for getting back out in the fresh air!

Areas of Focus

Animals: Ocean
Sight Word: it



Literacy and Language



- Books: *Baby Whales Drink Milk, Harry Horseshoe Crab, There Was A Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow!, Oceans Alive!, Whales, Coral Reefs*
- Alphabet Starfish Matching with Sea Shells
- Letter Sort Starfish Sheet

Focus Words

camouflouge * blowhole * oyster * glide * plankton

Math, Science, Sensory

- * Jellyfish Tentacle Count (using flip cards & play dough)
- * Art: Octopus Tentacle Math
- * Ocean Count and Graph Sheet
- * Seashell Balance Scale



Important News

➔ **Wednesday** the letter for intent to return to WCA in the fall is due. Our preschoolers, if they do not already have an older sibling at WCA, have priority for a spot in the kindergarten class.

Poem

Bobby Shaftoe

Bobby Shaftoe's gone to sea,
Silver buckles on his knee.
He'll come back and marry me,
Bonny Bobby Shaftoe.

Bobby Shaftoe's bright and fair,
Combing down his yellow hair.
He's my love forever more,
Bonny Bobby Shaftoe.

Bobby Shaftoe's looking out.
All his ribbons flew about.
All the ladies gave a shout,
Hey for Bobby Shaftoe!

