



WCA Preschool Times

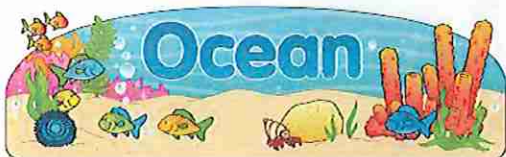


February 12, 2024

Last week was full of ocean activities and sounds! We gained a lot of new knowledge about ocean life! We listened to whales singing and other relaxing ocean sounds while a coral reef came alive on our whiteboard. The class enjoyed the sensory tub on the science table with the "Under the Sea" theme. They explored the ocean floor that had sand, shells, sea animals, and pretend coral. They enjoyed sifting through the sand to find shells and stones. The weather was beautiful last week! We spent more time outside than usual as the class got to run, swing, slide, play tag, ride bikes and just enjoy the fresh air and sun on their faces. Mrs. Tran and I couldn't pass it up! This week we will wrap up our ocean focus with some fun art projects that will incorporate math and fine motor skills as well. Thank you for your understanding with my absences last week. I hope that we all stay healthy and get to enjoy each other and the activities planned. Early this week we will do the science experiment I didn't get to last week, "What makes ice melt fastest?". This will be an interesting and rather slow observation. Before the experiment, I will ask the class to hypothesize which ice cube they think will melt fastest and I will record this on the board. I will continue to work one-on-one with each student on letter and sound recognition. Working with your preschooler at home as well, will only strengthen their learning and confidence. *The weather will be more like winter temperatures this week. Please continue to send your child in full winter gear. The mornings for opening and outside time*

Areas of Focus

Animals: Ocean



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

camouflage * 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 class will exchange valentines. We have 12 students in our class. If you need another class list, let me know.

➔ This **Friday** the 16th and **Monday** the 19th there is **NO school!** Enjoy the nice long weekend with your family!

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!

