

Teddy Bear News

December 2014

The Teddy Bears started last week with Nature on the Move. We learned how animals get themselves ready for the winter by storing their food, hibernating and blending with the environment, camouflaging.

In Spanish, we learned the names for the parts of the face including ojos (eyes), boca (mouth), nariz (nose), and cabeza (head).

On Tuesday, Casey and Emily, Frances' parents came and share their holiday tradition with us. The children helped make Peppernuts, German cookies. First, the children rolled the dough into long skinny pieces. After, they cut the dough into small dime sized circles. After the cookies came out of the oven, the children dusted them with 'snow', powdered sugar. We also enjoyed a couple of stories read by Casey while we ate the cookies on the rug. The cookies tasted like gingerbread cookies and were delicious!

On the same day, we celebrated Edith's 3rd birthday with mini cupcakes! What a treat!

At the end of the week, Miss Laura came for Music class. We learned some new songs including, "Pease Porridge Hot." We danced to the Nutcracker and sang our goodbye song, "See You Later, Alligator" at the end of class. Both videos are included on the Shutterfly website.

Our Free Choice Time has been full of imaginative play with the big wooden blocks. The structure has been a road for vehicles, a pirate ship named "Bucky" and a stage for princesses. The Teddies have been working on large floor puzzles including the ABC's.

During Circle Time, we have been talking about the calendar. We sing the "Days of the Week" song, count the number of days in English and Spanish and talk a little bit about the weather.

We continue to go outside when we can. We have really missed the sun but have enjoyed the few times it has come out. The see-saw feels like a new toy since we rotate the equipment and dome climber is quite popular.

The last day before Winter Break is December 17th. We will resume school on January 5, 2015.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

Much Love,

Marbie and Chona

