



Fortnightly Journal

01/02/16 to 12/02/16

Dear Families

We have had another eventful fortnight as we were busy with celebrations of Chinese New Year, the year of the monkey. Children enjoyed making monkeyes with their hand prints. They have also got the chance to tie red money pockets on the tree to bring them luck.

Following a child's interest in the volcano (made outside in the sand pit), we followed the lead by providing an experience to make their own volcano. Children expressed a great sense of amazement watching the chemical reaction of baking soda and vinegar. We will extend children's learning experience by making another volcano using the reaction of ice and warm water.

Music has been children's favourite area to explore. We have set up the music area with different instruments. Children get a chance to play xylophones, tambourine and drums. Percussion music instruments have been children's favourite. They have also got to make their own drums using recycled tin boxes. It is great to see children's negotiation skills to form a band or group while playing in that area. They extended their learning from one situation to another as some children were playing music outside using buckets as drums and scoops as drumsticks. A very clever and thoughtful venture!!!

Incursions: In Happy feet Fitness this fortnight the topic covered were shapes and colours and the circus, where children pretend to be at a circus. In Active Start Sports, Children played ball games like fruit salad and the obstacle course with Justin. This provided children an opportunity to test and develop their fundamental movement skills like balancing, climbing, hoping and jumping etc.

Welcome new families: We would like to welcome the new children, Christina, Bilal, Tanvi, Ariana, Vishal, JJ and Cejay who have joined us recently.

Learning outcome: (Reference to Early Years Learning Framework): 1.2.2: Children are open to new challenges and discoveries.

1.2.3 Children increasingly co-operate and work collaboratively with others.

Family/Community input: As we want to extend children's learning by providing music from different cultures and any music your child enjoys at home, Families are welcomed/requested to provide any piece of music (appropriate to be played with children) to play. It will help children to feel a sense of belonging in the centre environment.

Happy Learning

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