

Fortnightly Journal

29/02/16 to 11/03/16

What is happening at our centre?

Dear Families

We have had yet another happening fortnight at our centre. This fortnight has given us the chance to strengthen our partnership with families and community. Parent information night was one of the efforts we are committed to make to provide information and support to families. We would like to thank all the families for the active participation and the feedback.

This fortnight we also had a special visitor. Alannah and Dylan's dad brought in their pet Rabbit, Thumper. Children were very enthusiastic to touch and pat him. This experience provided children an opportunity to learn how to hold the Rabbit and how to pat him softly and not to scare me. The visit was followed by a talk about what a Rabbit eats, how much time he sleeps, what he likes and what he does not like etc.

Children are also investigating bug life and difference between bugs and reptiles. We have created a bug area for children to explore this topic. Using magnifying glasses and artificial bugs children like to investigate how many legs each bug has and how they look different from each other.

The Very Grumpy Ladybug has been children's favourite book and they all practice making happy and angry faces while reading that book. We will explore the topic of emotions in detail next.

Watching a child draw on the sand outside with sticks, we extended the activity by providing imprint painting which really involved children's interest. They were excited to see how what they draw/paint on the left side gets imprinted on the right side when they transfer their work on the paper.

The beginning of March also brings another season. Children learn about autumn, get to make collage using fallen leaves and bark from the trees.

Dr. Suess is children's favourite author and March 2nd marks his birthday. We celebrated his birthday by making Cat in the hat Fruit skewers using bananas and strawberries. Children also made hats for themselves.

Staff and children also practiced fire drill to prepare everyone to response in the event of emergency.

Incursions:

Happy Feet Fitness: *In Happy Feet Fitness, this fortnight children learn about Sharing is caring and community heroes. In the lesson sharing is caring; children got to do activities and games in pairs and small groups. Talking about Community heroes, Miss Tina taught the children how to respond in case of emergency and how to choose an option from fire, police or ambulance.*

Active Start Sports: *In Active Start sports children got to dribble, pass and shoot the Basketball. This week they get to show their skills in batting and bowling while learning about cricket.*

We have also celebrated Dylan and Abigail's birthday this fortnight.

Learning outcome:

2.4.6: Children explore relationships with other living and non-living things and observe, notice and respond to change.

3.2.5: Children use their sensory capabilities and dispositions with increasing integration, skill and purpose to explore and respond to their world.

Happy learning

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