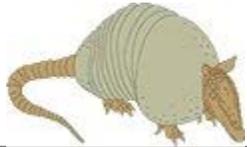


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Dates to Remember

Friday, December 21st-
Winter vacation begins at
the end of the regular
school day.

Tuesday, January 2nd-
school resumes

Thank you to:

Liam and Clara's family
for the delicious birthday
treats.

Jack H.'s mom for
coming in to read a story
to the class.

-All the Armadillo families
for contributing to our
cooperative veggie soup.

Please remember to
send your child to school
with a hat and gloves
and to check their extra
clothes to be sure they
have items appropriate
for the cold weather.

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

The Armadillos thoroughly enjoyed the activities during our Harvest theme, especially the dramatic play area which was designed to be a farm stand. The children crumpled and taped newspaper to create fruits and veggies to sell at the stand. They wrote "open" and "closed" signs and signs telling the customers what was available to buy. They filled bags of produce and exchanged money at the cash register. Most recently, for our Bread theme, the dramatic play area was transformed into a bakery complete with mixing bowls, measuring cups, cookie sheets and cake pans. There, wearing bakers' hats they created at the art table, the children baked and served cookies, cakes and pies. At the writing table, many children wrote out recipes for their favorite baked treats.

ACTIVITIES & SKILLS:

Over the past few weeks, we have taken the opportunity to do a lot of cooking and baking in keeping with our recent themes. Making the cooperative veggie soup allowed the children to practice their cutting and chopping skills, working carefully and delighting in the results of their hard work. We were able to pick fresh herbs from the playground garden beds to add to the soup.

The children measured, poured and mixed ingredients, and even cracked eggs, to make corn bread and banana bread to enjoy at snack. During circle time, they helped to make a loaf of bread in a bread machine that mixed, allowed the dough to rise and baked the bread all in less than an hour. It was exciting to watch each process and to smell and taste the delicious bread. This is a group of very motivated and talented cooks!

FAVORITE STORIES and Songs

- Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert
- Soup Day by Melissa Iwai
- Bread, Bread, Bread by Ann Morris
- Peanut Butter and Jelly by Nadine Bernard Wescott

Hey Yanna
Apples and Banana