



Koala News

Week of January 25th

This week in the Koala room we have been talking about Winter. Mother Nature cooperated and gave us a nice coating of snow. The playground was especially fun for shoveling the snow, making snow angels and snow cakes with the pans in the play kitchen.

We continue to work on fine motor skills and strengthening those little hand muscles. This week we used geo boards and a pot holder plastic loom with cloth loops. On the geo board they stretched the loops to make triangles, squares and rectangular shapes. On the loom rainbows were made by stretching the loops straight across the loom. This activity not only benefited their fine motor skills but also their persistence to get the loop to attach. There was a lot of trial and error and learning in the process.

We completed two art/sensory activities this week. The first was painting with evergreen boughs. We used pine and hemlock for a different sensory feel. They enjoyed painting with white paint creating snow pictures. In addition we made bird feeders by using pine cones, crisco and sunflower seeds. Some children used a spoon to spread the crisco on the pinecone and others chose to use their hands. They then placed sunflower seeds on the pinecone, either by spooning, rolling or sprinkling with their fingers. We also hung a plastic bird feeder out our window so we can watch the birds eating up close and hung a pine cone feeder by the playground.

ADDED NOTES: Happy Birthday to Max.

Thank you to all who contributed recyclable containers for drums. We still need more so you can continue to send them in. Thank you.

GEOBOARDS

PINE BOUGH PAINTING

PINE CONE BIRD FEEDERS

