



Montessori Academy

OF CARRBORO

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MISS LINDSAY'S TODDLER ROOM

The toddlers have been having lots of animal visitors over the past month! Our friend Andreas brought his rabbit Marcel and his dog Jackson to visit, our teacher Ms. Maddy brought her dog Seven to visit, and our teacher Ms. Mandy brought her snake Redneck to visit! The toddlers in the Toddler 2 class have loved petting all the animals and learning all about them! We've also been learning about lots of other fun stuff like the planets in our solar system and the numbers 1-10. We've been enjoying winter and especially had fun when our playground was covered in snow!

Best wishes, Miss Lindsay



MISS MANDY'S TODDLER ROOM



January was a great month. We were able to enjoy the snowy weather. The toddlers have learned the letters Q and R. We have had visits from Marcel the Rabbit and Yabba the Dog. We made rabbits ears for the children and hopped around just like our friend Marcel. We have let the toddlers explore more with painting with different objects on order to improve their sensory skills.

Happy Winter Days, Miss Mandy and Miss Kendalyn



MISS MADDY'S CHILDREN'S HOUSE 2

In the month of January we worked on the fundamentals, like phonetics, reading comprehension, letter recognition, writing, reading, and counting. In addition to arts and crafts projects, we work on various challenges that increase these budding skills. We also welcomed a new friend, Samuel.

During the excitement of our snowy days, our family dog paid a visit to the school. We enjoyed our Listen and Move music compilations on cold and icy days.

I'd like to start brushing teeth after we eat lunch and am looking for each child to have a toothbrush in a bag (similar to the one pictured), preferably with a small tube of toothpaste. I have a couple of them already so please touch base with me about whether your child still needs one.

With Gratitude, Miss Maddy

MISS HAYLEY'S CHILDREN'S HOUSE 1

We have been focusing on the letters o and p these past few weeks and learning about the octagon and the pentagon. We have also been learning about opposites and rhyming words. Rhyming has proven to be a difficult concept to remember. The children tend to want rhyming to be words all starting with the same letter. We have focused on cat, hat, bat and rat. We also read *The Cat in the Hat* and *Fox in Socks*. Both books have a lot at rhyming and alliteration (especially *Fox in Socks* – feel free to borrow it and try it out!).

After reading the books and going over ALL the words that rhyme we are warming up to the concept.

Next week will be q! I have a feeling there will be lots of talk about Queen Elsa. We will also be celebrating Valentines Day on Fun Friday! We will read a valentines book and do valentines crafts. Feel free to bring snacks or cards for the whole class!

Best Wishes, Miss Hayley



MISS ANA MARIA'S CHILDREN'S HOUSE 1

January brought many new things to our class. We have welcomed many new friends, Valentine's Day is almost here, and of course we are all happy to see each other every day, share good times and enjoy doing crafts and arts.

Every day is so unique with our wonderful little friends, learning together, playing, becoming artists and best friends.

CH1-1 also welcomes Ms. Gabby, our new teacher assistant who is part of our big Montessori family since this month.

Best wishes, Ms. Ana Maria



MISS MARIA'S CHILDREN'S HOUSE 2

January we began our new language, culture and science curriculums. Our whole class is combining letter recognition and phonetics to move us closer to writing and also improving our articulation. We are reading rhyming poems that tie into our cultural studies as we use the globe, atlases and map puzzles to understand our place in the world. And we are indulging our interest in all things owls by reading library books, making costumes and even dancing the hokey pokey as owls. Shake those tail feathers! In math our older students are moving into the 1000s, while we all continue to count toward 100.

With gratitude, Miss Maria

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