Isaacs Early Childhood
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Ocean News

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"The mind of a child is fascinating, for it looks on old things with new eyes." F. Scott Fitzgerald

Sharing and Caring at Isaacs!

Books and Songs

Our story time has been better than ever since our Winter Break. We are continuing to discuss patterns, shapes and are also learning about tools, machines, and counting. Here are some of the stories we enjoyed reading: *Look Once Look Twice, Can You See the Shapes, Zoo Patterns, Old McDonald Had a Woodshop, Freight Train, The House that Jack Built,* and *Tina Likes Tools.* Our counting books included: *Roll Over, One Duck Another Duck, Ten Black Dots, Homes 1 2 3, Little Quack's Hide and Seek, Giggle Giggle Quack, and Ten Little Fish.* Come visit our library and you can enjoy these books and others at home. Happy Reading!

Math

Math is such a fun part of our day here at school. Over the past few weeks, we have talked about patterns, numbers 1-10, and shapes. Here are some of the pattern, shape and counting words we are learning: *pattern, circle, triangle, square, rectangle, match, same, different, repeat, one, two, three, four, five, counting, numbers, groups, corners, and sides.*

Though we are counting objects to ten, we have been practicing counting out loud to 30! Count with your child at home– you can count cars on the street or oranges that you buy at the store. Your child will enjoy counting them with you!

Language Arts

Students in the Ocean have been leaning about different kinds of machines and how they work. We discovered that many items in our classroom are machines, like the computers, radios, and nearby microwave and dishwasher. Many classes had activities to demonstrate the use of the machines and tools. Our students will soon be learning about movement. People, vehicles, animals, wind and oceans move. We will explore things that move seen and unseen.

Reminders

- March 8– PreK Assessment results go home
- March 9– End of 3rd 9 weeks/ Early Release– no PM
- March 12-16 Spring Break
- Prekindergarten Registration for next year- March 22 and 23.
- April 6– No School
- April 20 - Class Picture Day
- Please make sure your child wears his or her name badge everyday! Replacements are $2.00.

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Speech Corner- Dealing with Communication Frustration

You might feel frustrated when you do not understand your child. Your child is also frustrated! Here are some tips for decreasing frustration:

How can I figure out what my child is saying?

-Repeat one word that you may have understood and expand on it.
-Use clues for the environment.
-Pay attention to body language.
-Use the phrase "show me" rather than ask anther questions.
-Use open-ended statements, "you want the..."
-Say "I'm sorry, I don't understand" or "I'll listen again".

How can I deal with my frustration?

-Let your child know its alright to be frustrated.
-Maintain a healthy sense of humor to deal with frustration!

Spring Conferences:

It is time for parent-teacher conferences. Some of you have already signed up or attended your child's conference. If you have not met with your child's teacher, call them and schedule a time. This is very important to discuss your child's progress and for some kindergarten enrollment.