

ISLAND PARK UFSD

UNIVERSAL PRE-K



Time for Creativity

The unit theme we explored this month was Shadows and Reflections. The Reggio-inspired activity that we participated in together as a group was creating shadows and reflections based on the position of the sun. From this, we learned that the location of the sun determines which way our shadow falls. We also worked independently on creating shadow puppets utilizing our hands, a flashlight, and the SMARTBoard.

Learning through Play

Q: While playing at the sand table, students questioned, “What would happen if we added water to the sand?”

A: Children learned that if we add water to the sand the consistency of the sand changes. The sand was no longer easy to play with. It became firm! The students commented that, “This sand would be good to build a sand castle with!”

Q: While exploring with shadows, students questioned, “Why do we see shadows?”

A: Children solved this problem by completing an outdoor shadow experiment. Students learned that if the sun is shining we can see our shadows. Students also learned that light is needed to see our shadows.

Our Newest “Reads”

Ask your child about the facts we learned and the characters we met while reading!

- ◆ *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle
- ◆ *Growing Frogs* by Vivian French
- ◆ *The Pig in the Pond* by Martin Waddell
- ◆ All the sounds we know and use to help us read are A-Z.

Math Counts! We can now count to 35.

The number concepts we worked on this month include:

- ◆ **Counting** (number names to 35)
- ◆ **Measurement and Data** (describe and compare measurable attributes)
- ◆ **Geometry** (knowledge of 2-dimensional shapes)

Write from the Beginning

We continue to work in our Guided Reading groups. Our efforts focused on utilizing the pictures as clues to help us with the text.

The letters/words we learned to write are: I, is, a, at, like.



Quote of the Month

“Our task, regarding creativity, is to help children climb their own mountains, as high as possible.”

Loris Malaguzzi

We would like to thank all of our Surprise Readers! The children really enjoyed the books you have shared with us!

Parent Tip of the Month

- At the grocery store, ask your child to find items that are triangles, circles, rectangles, and other shapes. This is a fun way to encourage shape recognition!

