In week 9 we finished up a few projects and started a new study! It was a beautiful week to be outside and pick up some extra Vitamin D. Make sure to check out the photos on our Facebook page!

This week our book was "Ten Apples Up On Top". It is a great book by Dr. Seuss. There are rhyming words (always with Dr. Seuss!), positional words and numbers. One of the projects that we did this week was to count how many letters are in our name and put that many apples on top of our head! These pictures are now hanging in our hall! This activity incorporated positional words, counting and writing letters of their names and the number of letters that are on their head.

On Wednesday, we started talking about rocks. I have several kiddos who are very interested in rocks and want to learn more about them. I am learning right along beside them! We watched part of a video about rocks and learned that rocks are made up of one or more minerals. One mineral we learned about is calcite. We learned that our sidewalk chalk is made of calcite...so really, we are drawing with a rock! We will continue learning about rocks for this week and maybe even the next week. Thank you for those who have sent in rocks. We have a variety and we can't wait to get into our study!

Our letters this week were Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx. We are getting to the end of our first time through the alphabet. This time we went in alphabetical order and concentrated on the letter name & some on letter sound.! Next time we will mix it up and we will be concentrating on writing the letter of the day as well as more on letter sound and name. We will continue to add to our word wall and do different activities to learn the letter names & sounds.

In art we did Marble Painting for 2 days. The kids loved seeing how the plain white paper turned into a paint filled paper by shaking! It was rather loud in our room those 2 days.

Our number this week was 3. The rhyme is "Around the tree, around the tree. That is how we make a 3" We continue to review the rhymes for the numbers 1

and 2 and find those numbers in books on and in our music videos. We practiced counting to 3! Our color this week was yellow! The kids did a great job of finding the yellow in the room!

Read It Again: "Rumble in the Jungle" by Giles Andreae. This is the 2nd time around that we have read this book. With this book we worked on directionality of print and understanding new words. We will read it again on Monday (I didn't get everything done this week.) and we will work on identifying and describing major parts of the story.

Outdoor time: OHHHHH...this last week was beautiful! We spent a lot of time outside and played with corn, worked on writing with chalk and playing games with playground balls. This week was so nice out. I believe that going forward, it is going to be chillier. Please make sure that you are sending a jacket with your child for outdoor time. Don't forget the mittens and hats as well! It is chilly in the morning when we go out at 9:30.

We could use more kleenex and napkins for the classroom. Please send these items to school!

Send water bottles and rest mats on Tuesday! No school tomorrow!

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