Morning Meeting

Our morning meeting is full of fun and learning! The kids are taking responsibility for teaching and learning! It is amazing to see how their confidence has grown already. In our morning message, we focused on finding words that begin with certain letters and adding missing beginning letters. We also talk about how our reading needs to make sense.

Reading Workshop

During shared reading we read The Pledge of Allegiance. We used this book to discuss vocabulary and the purpose of doing the pledge each day at school. We also read the poem Humpty Dumpty during shared reading. After reading the poem, the kids were invited to notice things about the poem such as rhyme, repetition, and sight words. At the end of the week, the kids illustrated this poem and added it to their poetry folder.

During word study the kids did beginning sound sorts. The purpose of these sorts are to help kids not only know the letters and sounds, but also be able to hear the similarities in words and group words and pictures according to their similarities. They also practiced their handwriting. During reading workshop, the kids shared their reading materials they brought from home. They all discussed why they liked reading what they have and what kinds of things they like to read. During independent reading, the kids are practicing their reading behavior in books that are interesting to them. The teachers and volunteers are pulling kids one-on-one to do a reading conference with a just right book.

Writing Workshop

In writing workshop this week, the kids were focusing on making books about one topic and using pictures and words to teach or tell a story. If the kids have more than one thing to say about a topic, they are stapling pages together to make a book. But this week, they had to make sure all their pages in their books were about the same topic. The talk during writing workshop is so great! They are talking about how words are written and which letters make which sounds, how to add details to their pictures, and they are giving each other feedback about their writing.

Math Workshop

In math workshop the kids have been working on counting, recording math information with pictures and numbers, and writing the numbers correctly. The kids are also learning how to use the math workshop choice board. Since kids get done at different times, they choose another math activity to work on from the workshop board during work time if they get done before closure.

Music

We have been singing a variety of songs throughout the day. We also have been moving to the beat, dancing with bean bags, and shaking our sillies out. Singing is a great way to transition the kids in a fun way!

P.E.

We played a new tag game called Tail Tag. The kids have a scarf they tuck in their back pocket or the back of their waistband and the taggers try to get their tail. The kids are running hard and making sure they play fair.

Science

This week in the science center, the kids did an introductory engineering lesson. They are learning what engineers do and then trying out some of the work an engineer does. This week they made bridges that had to support the weight of pennies.