

Yellow Group

November 2014 Newsletter

Welcome back parents and children! We have started this year with tons of activities that are helping us discover who we are and where we come from. We have used our senses and have focused on what we see and what we hear to discover the world that surrounds us.

This year we began exploring ourselves, talking about body parts, singing and dancing to see how our body moves. We learned where our arms, legs and head go and what we can do with them!



Thinking hard about
Where our hands, legs
And feet go to build a body!



May showing her
silly face while Bao
concentrates



Alisa, Jason and Kim Vy, pick different features...

We then closed our topic of the body by making life size portraits of ourselves that are hanging on our classroom walls.

Afterwards, we moved on to explore our face and our facial features. We learned about different hair color, skin color and different eye colors. We picked silly noses, cartoon eyes and funny mouths to build silly faces and explore different facial expressions to convey different feelings.

Then we used cut out mouths, eyes, noses and hair, as we let our imagination run wild, to create Picasso like portraits! After, we were able to see an example of where our facial features actually go, and we were able to make portraits that look real.



On October 8th we celebrated Smart Kids birthday! We learned how to make banana split, because Smart kids brought us ice cream to share with our friends during snack time.

We shared our outside play with the big kids to prepare a surprise for Mrs. Yoko, and when she returned to our location, she found a beautiful mural of our hands painted with the flags from our countries. She really loved it!



We discussed everyday things that happen in our homes. We had loads of fun playing house by washing the babies clothes and hanging them to dry on a line. We all felt like big kids helping out with the house chores by and washing and drying the dishes after we cooked our pretend "clay dinner." We also took this opportunity to talk about healthy eating habits and hygiene.

We will continue to explore our nearby environment through our senses as we expand our knowledge about the world that surrounds us.



Kim Vy chops up healthy veggies while Anna Thuy and Alisa do the dishes.



After so much celebration we moved on to talk about our families. We discovered that there are some of us who are an only child and there are others that have brothers and sisters. We also read books about babies growing in mommies tummies and painted wooden houses and bent pipe cleaners to represent our family members. We talked about family that lives with us in our house and about family that lives in different houses or sometimes different countries, like uncles, aunts, grandmas and grandpas.

Anna and Bao prepare a pretend clay dinner.



Anna Thuy washes some clothes while Lana hangs them up to dry.



Reminder:

We will have parent teacher conferences taking place on the 17th to the 21st of November.