April 17th, 2015

Large Group

**Theme:** Bugs/Insects  
**Letter of the Week:** Nn  
**Shape of the Week:** Diamond  
**Color of the Week:** Orange  
**Pattern of the Month:** Purple, Green, Pink, Purple, Green, Pink...

Ms. Martha did a fun speech activity about bugs/insects. We used Eechy to help. His rhyme goes: Blue Do, Green Group, Pink Parts, White Where, What does it Look Like, What is it Made of, What Else do I Know. The students have to answer these questions about bugs/insects with the help of picture cards.

Small Group

**Flip and Turn Worms:** The students used large Lego blocks and referred to them as “flip-and-turn-worms”. Flips were modeled and turns were modeled. Position and direction words were used to describe the movements and orientations of the blocks (right-side up, upside down, forward, backward, end over end, sideways...). As the teacher modeled, the students moved their blocks to look the same. Students were given help to describe how their worm moves.  
**PASS:** We are continuing our work on rhyming words. The student flip book is used along with the IPAD. The students name the first picture then they have to find which word rhymes with the first word from a choice of two.  
**Independent:** Number Pegs, putting shapes on a stick

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| *What are insects?  
Bugs  
The Bug Parade  
Big Bugs Band  
Learn about Insects*                                                        | *Color Orange song by StoryBots  
Diamond Song by LeapFrog  
ABC Phonics Song 2: youtube.com  
Insect fingerplay: to the tune of Wheels on the Bus*                           |

This has been a very busy month. It is hard to believe that April is half over!! The students have been enjoying the nice weather that April has been bringing us. They are excited to be playing outside on the playground!! The past two weeks we have been working on academics with a bug theme. Ms. Martha taught us new words with her Eechy lesson. During math we learned that objects can be turned and flipped and that these movements have special words for them. Ms. Bert played a fun game with us. We had to stand on a square, choose a bug and throw it into a bucket. We always have fun working on our gross motor skills!! We graphed what our favorite bugs are. The students had to find their name and place it on the graph with their favorite bug. Ask your child if they remember which bug we liked most.

I am so proud of all the students!! They have been working hard on their goals and objectives and the assessments that I have been doing with them. Juice breaks are our favorite when we finish working hard for Ms. Dana.

Please call or email me if your child will not be in school.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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