



Smart Toddlers News – October 2008

Hello Parents of our Smart Toddlers. We have had a great start to our fall semester and have enjoyed getting to know, teaching and exploring with your children. Their precious personalities have already left lasting impressions on our hearts.

Spanish News

Our Smart Toddlers enjoy learning Spanish throughout our program. Whether through song, computer activities, arts and crafts projects, or during circle time they learned names of animals, numbers and colors in Spanish. We also explored emotions...happy (estoy feliz), sad (estoy triste) and angry (estoy enojado) so far.

Physical Education

Our Smart Toddlers love fitness. We stretched, performed jumping jacks, and hopped on the mini trampoline while counting, so they get a little math in too. We also enjoyed a special in-house field trip from a fitness expert in September. It was great fun!

Sign Language

Our beginner's sign language has been very successful as our Smart Toddlers learned to sign alphabets a through e. This also has an added benefit of aiding in the development of their manual dexterity.

Geography

Red rover, red rover, send a smart toddler right over to South America, North America, Africa, Asia, to name a few. The children have lots of fun visiting various continents and countries with the assistance of our large maps and talking globe.

Science

Science projects have also been a hit as we watched our capsules grow and transform into whales dolphins, stingrays and more. Enthusiasm reigned supreme as we compared and discussed the effects of releasing different substances into water, such as sugar, baking powder, hand soap, paper towel, and cooking oil. Our children learned about sound and vibration as they strummed bands of various widths and discussed what we saw and heard. They also learned parts of the skeletal system "Simon says pat your cranium and wiggle your phalanges" and much more.

Other Areas of Interest

The children enjoyed in-house field trips from Ms. Clown and Dora the Explorer in August, in addition to the aforementioned fitness expert in September. They also got a real kick out of music time as they expressed themselves through song, dance and instrumentation. They were very creative with play dough and building blocks as we worked on their motor skills, plus we read about dinosaurs and discussed their history and extinction. Clifford the Big Red Dog, Elmo, Jay Jay the Jet plane and others shared in our computer time experience to make learning fun. All of this, along with learning phonetic sounds, alphabets and sight words is already transforming our Smart Toddlers into confident little leaders.

Parent's Corner

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We look forward to an exciting 2008-2009 school year!