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Dear Parents,

Our theme for this week was Energy and Machines, and the Letter Gg.

During Circle Time, we introduced new words to help them understand the concept of our topic . Those words were battery, electricity, energy, fuel, heat and shadow. We also explained each one of them in a simple way, for example: battery: something that stores energy; electricity, something that makes street lights and other things work; shadow, a dark shape made when something blocks the light; heat, moves from warmer places and objects to cooler places and objects; and finally fuel, something burned to make heat or power. We also talked about Energy for You! People need energy too. We need energy to grow, change, and move and we get that energy from food. They learned that we use energy all the time! to play, to rest, to read even when you blink your eyes. They loved the fact that wind has energy! Wind is moving air and energy from wind can make things move.

For small group/art, we worked on making a sun catcher with construction paper, contact paper and tissue paper of different colors. We also did "Tracing My Shadow" with large paper, crayons ,markers and black paint. The children worked on making a kite by using popsicle sticks, construction paper and a string. We also loved working and learning about shadows. The children compared how shadows change. We used flashlights and a wall and reviewed the words far, close, small and big.

We also talked about the letter Gg. We learned that is a consonant and listened to the sound that it makes and learned words that start with that letter. They wrote several words in their journals and drew pictures of them. We reinforced how to make the letter Gg through using Play-Doh and shaving cream.

Books we read:

Energy by Christine Wolf

A Windy Day by Melvin and Gilda Berger

Machines at Work by Kim Borland

All About Electricity by Jessica Quilty

Learning About Energy by Tristan F. Nicholas

Alpha Tales Gorilla, Be Good!

Quote of the week:

Don't adapt to the energy in the room.

Influence the energy in the room.

Tips: Ways to help kids conserve Energy!

Ditch the television and pick up a book!

Turning off switches.

Awareness and education, explore the outdoors, and plant a garden!
Kids of all ages should be learning the principles of saving energy-and is never too young to start! Parents that take the the time to engage their child in going green, whether by having rules or making a game out of it, are teaching their families values that can last a life time.
Check this two sites: Physics4Kids.com or Energy Star Kids.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs. Ana, Ms. Ariel, and Mrs. Marta