

Dear Parents,

We had such a fun and exciting week in our classroom with the theme of “Pets!” 🐶🐱🐰🐹 Your children did a wonderful job engaging in all the activities, and we enjoyed seeing their enthusiasm as we explored different types of pets and how to care for them. Here’s a quick recap of what we worked on this week:

**Monday: Introduction to Pets:** We kicked off the week by talking about what pets are and the different kinds of pets people have at home. The children enjoyed sharing stories about their own pets and looking at pictures of pets. They also made a pet collage to showcase their favorite animals.

**Tuesday: Taking Care of Pets:** On Tuesday, we focused on how to care for pets, including feeding, grooming, and playing with them. The children loved pretending to take care of stuffed animals by “feeding” and “brushing” them, learning the responsibilities that come with being a pet owner.

**Wednesday: Exploring Different Types of Pets:** We explored more unusual pets like birds, fish, and turtles. The children made animal masks, choosing which type of pet they liked best. They had so much fun wearing their masks and pretending to be their favorite pets!

**Thursday: Animal Sounds:** Thursday was all about pet sounds! We played a guessing game with different animal noises, and the children loved imitating the sounds of dogs, cats, and birds. We also sang some fun songs about pets, including “B-I-N-G-O” and “How Much Is That Doggy in the Window?”

**Friday: Pet-Themed Art:** We wrapped up the week with a creative pet-themed art activity. The children painted and colored pictures of pets, expressing all the things they learned throughout the week. It was great to see how much they enjoyed making their artwork!

The “Pets” theme has been a big hit with the children, and we hope they share some of their new knowledge with you at home! 🐾 Thank you to those who sent in photos of your family pets 🐾—it made our discussions even more special.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about what we did this week, please feel free to reach out. We are always happy to hear from you!

Ways to help your child be the best they can be; 🌟 Having Play-Doh, beads with string, Legos, crayons, markers, etc. at home is very important for helping toddlers grow their fine motor skills! Squishing and rolling Play-Doh makes little hands strong while threading beads helps them practice their grip. Building with Legos sparks creativity and problem-solving fun! 🌟

🌟 Fine motor skills are like tiny superheroes at this age—they help kids learn to write, zip up their jackets, and do so much more. Parents, by practicing these activities at home, you can help your child become a master of their little world, just like they do in class! 🌟

🌟 Allowing toddlers to dress themselves and be independent is crucial for their development as it builds their confidence and decision-making skills. For example, when a toddler chooses their outfit, even if it’s mismatched, they learn about personal expression and preferences. Similarly, letting them feed themselves, even if it’s a bit messy, helps them develop fine motor skills and a sense of accomplishment. 🌟

★ At home, you as parents can support this independence by offering a selection of clothing choices, providing easy-to-clean meal options, and creating a simple, organized space for toys. These practices not only empower children but also help parents manage daily routines more smoothly by fostering self-reliant and capable little ones.★

#### **REMINDERS ★**

★ Please make sure to bring back your child's blanket and pillow washed and clean for next week. ★ □

★ When we send dirty clothes home, please send in a clean pair of clothes (in a Ziplock with your child's name on it.)

★ Please make sure your child's name is visible and written on all their items so we can ensure we do not lose anything!!! ★ □

Have a wonderful weekend! 🍷

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