

# Seahorse Daily Story



# Welcome Abigail



Today we welcomed one of our new friends– Abigail. We started off by enjoying a book that Miss Tanya read to everyone during group time. Abigail enjoyed this story so much that she would point to the pictures with a contagious smile.

Abigail showed Miss Tanya and Miss Megan how much she loves art by pointing and grabbing the paint pots and brushes. She even pointed and said what colours she could see. When it was Ivy's turn for painting, Abigail took the other brush and wanted to show her how she holds it– Abigail is such a great helper!

Our fellow Seahorse friends were very welcoming to Abigail by allowing her to explore our room , and try out our resources.

We were able to observe that Abigail felt comfortable with making new connections with her teachers, when she would occasionally ask for a cuddle.

We look forward to seeing more of Abigail and welcoming her and her warm smile!

Written by Miss Megan



# Commotion in the ocean



To start the day off, Miss Tanya read a personal favorite story of hers— (Commotion in the ocean). Abigail, Ashlyn and Alex were very invested in this story, especially when Miss Tanya would put some funny voices on for the characters.

Abigail and Alex often pointed when they could see the Jellyfish and the Dolphins. Ashlyn sat back and enjoyed the story with Miss Megan towards the side. Abigail was very excited when she saw the turtles and the octopuses and she identified them verbally.

Reading a story during group time promotes a sense of community and helps children explore their imaginations.

Written by Miss Megan



# Ball pit



Miss Karissa from the Starfish Room had a fun idea to come to the Seahorse room and share the ball pit. Abigail and Alex were so excited to try it out and show everyone else how fun it is, especially when they discovered there was a slide they could go crashing down into the balls. Ivy took interest in playing with the balloons, and she did such a wonderful job of sharing. Owen and Alina made their own game up— which included grabbing and throwing the balls away. Alina thought it was funny to watch Miss Karissa chase after the balls. Alex and Abigail even came down the slide a few times with a wide grin on their faces, they most definitely had a 'BALL'.

Written by Miss Megan



# Fine motor exploration



We focused on some experiences today that would assist the children to explore experiences to promote development of the small muscles in their hands and the coordination between their hands and their eyes.

The hammer boards gave the children an opportunity to explore accuracy and precision which is consistent with hand eye coordination. They are still at the early stages and learning how to control and grip the hammer.

The bead frames aim at the children learning how to grasp the beads with their thumb and pointer finger which will assist the children to develop pencil grip. They experimented with moving the beads on the wire but there were definitely some challenging obstacles.

Written by Miss Tanya



# Meal time



For morning tea today we enjoyed some fresh fruit and rice crackers. Abigail was such a fan of the crackers she would finish a bite and reply with 'yummy'.

For lunch today, Miss Julie made yummy pasta bake! Alina showed Miss Megan and Miss Tanya how she could hold her spoon and put it in her bowl.

Alex enjoyed his meal so much, he would point to someone else's bowl when he had finished his!

Ivy and Owen were open to trying the pasta bake and ended up really enjoying it.

Meal times are a great opportunity to develop a sense of belonging and engage in social and language opportunities. The children are becoming more independent in wanting to feed themselves.



Written by Miss Tanya and Miss Megan

# Spontaneous experience



We enjoyed playing with the coloured lensed magnifying glass. They found the view from the glasses interesting some of us could look through it on our own and for the rest Miss Megan held it up so we could see. Alex and Abigail sat together passing them back and forth to each other, showing are experimenting with sharing.

We continued our special mother's day projects painting and printing and sticking on special pictures. We want to show all our beautiful mum's how much we love them and to thank them for everything they do.

Owen is getting very confident in climbing on the play gym, crawling over the top and taking a special interest in his own reflection in the mirrored platform.

Alina is showing so much more confidence in attending day care and is starting to become more secure and beginning to explore independently.



# Analysis of learning



- Developing a sense of belonging.
- Developing connections and social skills.
- Developing an appreciation for literature.
- Developing attention span.
- Developing sense of security and feeling safe.
- Learning how to throw a ball.
- Developing independence.
- Developing strength and coordination in fine motor skills.

## Reflection of the day

Today was very exciting as we had 6 children in the room today. We have had some big achievements today reached with Alina feeling comfortable eating her meals and sleeping on the bed. Abigail adjusted very well into the room and has made close connections with her teachers and some of the children in the room.

Painting seems to be a bit of an uncertainty for some children, it maybe the texture of the paint or it maybe the paint brushes that is causing their reservation. We need to continue to offer messy and artistic experiences to develop confidence in using paint.

