

Starfish daily story



Monday, 19 July 2021

With Miss Megha And Miss Matisse



Happy Birthday Arden !



You turned One today. We wish you a very
Happy Birthday Arden! Enjoy your day bub.

—Starfish Family



Lets paint a Red Apple!

This week our focus is learning about all the different fruits. To start the week off we are looking at apples. Miss Megha brought some red paint and paper plates down for the starfish to paint to resemble an apple. All of the children had so much fun painting the paper plates and spreading the red paint all around with their hands. **Alina** at first was unsure of how the paint felt in her hands holding her hand in the air and squishing it in-between her fingers but soon after she used her hand to smack down on the plate making handprints and making the paint fly everywhere. **Harlow** decided that she wanted to spread the paint back and forth with her fingers making it look like strokes. **Madeleine** pushed her whole hand straight into the red paint then spread it all around the paper plate making a beautiful pattern. **Arden** was wary of the paint only using one finger to spread the paint around making a small pattern on her plate not wanting to go too crazy on the amount of paint she used. All of the Starfish had so much fun using their imagination to paint a red apple on a paper plate. What a great start to the week!

Written by Miss Matisse



Exploring fruit basket!

As we are focusing on fruits this week, I put a basket of different fruits on the mat and invited children to have a look. Children got excited to see something new and quickly made their way towards it.

Arden used both of her hands to investigate what was there in the basket then she grabbed two bunches of grapes and babbled something while showing them to me. "wow, you got yummy grapes, Arden !" I said and she giggled.

Soon **Madeleine and Harlow** joined her and had a look at the fruits. Then they took out the fruits of their choice and were very excited to show me. I observed that children have been using their gestures and babbling a lot to express themselves lately which is really a good sign of their language development.

I put **Hayley** on her tummy and placed some fruits in front of her. She showed great interest in pulling herself towards the fruits and grabbing them. Well done Hailey!

Children showed their interest in this experience and were very interactive throughout the whole time.

Learning outcomes: 1.1, 1.3, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1

Written by : Megha



Outdoor play!

What a fun day it was being outside playing with all the equipment. Miss Megha brought out the foam climbing equipment and even the big mirror box from inside the room for the children to look at themselves through. **Norah**, **Alina** and **Madeleine** all made sure to look to see if they could see themselves in the mirrors. **Arden** loved climbing on the foam obstacle course smiling and laughing while making sure to climb on every piece of equipment that was out in the yard. **Harlow** was so happy to be out in the yard with all of her friends, standing up on her own and taking a couple steps to reach Miss Matisse and Miss Megha. **Hailey** was happy to lay in front of the mirror box and look at herself smiling and poking her tongue out at her reflection and watch her friends play.

Written by Miss Matisse



Our Apple sensory bag!

To extend our children's interest in the art as well as to focus on our fruit of the day, I made some apple sensory bags in which I put a cut-out of apple in a Ziplock bag along with some red and yellow paint and allowed children to spread the paint by dabbing their hands or fingers on it.

Norah was a bit hesitant in the beginning when I offered her the bag, but soon as she observed her peers doing the activity, she started dabbing her hands on the paint by spreading it nicely.

Alina loved to squeeze the bag in between her fingers and felt the creamy texture of paint. "How does it feel, Alina?" I asked and she grabbed the bag in her hand while lifting it up to show me in response.

Madeleine tried to open the zip of the Ziplock bag at first but then I showed her the apple cut-out and said, "that's an apple, Maddy!" she looked at it and started dabbing her hands on it.

Arden used her finger to move the paint in the bag as she could see it moving and she enjoyed it a lot.

It was a great art experience for children in which they developed their sensory aspect as well.

Learning outcomes: 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 3.2, 4.1, 5.1

Written by : Megha





Analysis of learning

Sensory development

Group play

Interactive experience



Reflection of day

Today we had a really good day comprised of mixed experiences which were focused on children's individual as well as group learning. Children showed their interest in all the activities which will help us in framing and planning more similar experiences for them.

