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BARLINA HOUSE PRESCHOOL

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Mrs. Bator's and Mrs. Donna's Monday, Wednesday, Friday PM Class

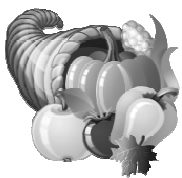
We have had another great month. Everyone is doing wonderfully. November is always cut short, but we still were very busy.

The children are working on their alphabet. Each week, we add another letter to our memory bank. We practice making the sound of the letter and try to think of words that start with that letter. This learning process helps stimulate their thinking and then they can relate the letter to their lives. They all want to have a word to share. If you could talk about the letter before school, they could have a word to share during circle. The next three letters are K, L, M and N.

Animals were a big part of our curriculum this month. We talked about nocturnal animals, how animals move around and how animals get ready for the cold winter. We made an owl scene, a kangaroo from shapes and a pictures about hibernating bears.

They were very creative with their art work. We always show the children what we are going to do, but we allow them to create their own interpretation of the project the way they think it should be. They produced very interesting master pieces. We want the children to feel that they can do the art project by themselves and understand that everyone's picture can look different.

We are working on number recognition. We have worked on numbers 1 to 6. We see the number, try to write it and count different objects representing that number. Everyone is progressing. We work with numbers everyday in a group or during free play. Our calendar helps the children recognize the numbers. The repetition of the calendar everyday helps the children remember the numbers by sight and sound.



We enjoyed an all school feast on the last day of school before the break. We made fruit salad. Everyone washed their hands and helped in the preparation. We have some great chefs in the making. We were very thankful to be able to share our talents with each other.

We are working on phone numbers and addresses. This is truly a very important piece of information for your children to know. Please keep practicing this with them.

Your children are having a good time at school. Please feel free to call us about anything that concerns you about your child. We would love to talk to you. We hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday.

Safety Drills *at* *Barlina House*



Did you know we have a monthly fire drill? We started the school year having group meetings to talk about fire safety at preschool. The children are now experts on the sound, the smoke detectors and the fact we could have water "come out of the ceiling."

We moved on to other topics including telling a grown up if you find matches or lighters and lighting candles. Future conversations will include electricity and other hot items, crawling under smoke, stop, drop and roll, as well as an alphabet safety lesson via video with Sparky, the fire dog. An engine and real firefighters will also be scheduled for visits before the end of the school year.

Our lessons follow the National Fire Protection Association's preschool program, "Learn Not to Burn."

We encourage you to visit a fire station and help your child understand the importance of fire safety.



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