



News from St. Anna's Room

November 2011

November Tidbits

Sail Away

Ahoy, matey! This month, we've been learning all about boats and the ocean. We started off by making many different kinds of boats with foil and modeling clay to see if we could make them float (a hard task for small fingers!), and then practicing our prediction skills with sink and float experiments. We learned to follow directions like good sailors by playing "Hit the Deck!"

We helped Noah find pairs of animals to take onto the ark, learned the anatomy of a sailboat, painted underwater scenes and made wave "woodblock" prints like the Japanese artist Hokusai. We even went on a treasure hunt!

Encourage your child's scientific skills! Ask them to make predictions about whether an object will sink or float while playing in the bathtub or sink. Ask them why they think this is the case. Then ask them what they've observed once they've conducted their experiment!

Wishlist

- Wrapping paper, gift boxes, gift bags, ribbons, etc.
- Favorite icons from home.

Reminders

- Parent-teacher conferences will be on Tuesday, December 6th. Please be sure to sign up for a time on the bulletin board next to your mailboxes. If those times don't work for you, please see me to arrange another meeting time.
- The cold weather is here! Please be sure to bring appropriate clothing for your child. Practice putting on, taking off, and putting away snowpants, coats, hats, and mittens so that we can spend more time playing outside and less time arguing with unruly snow gear!

December 2011

This month we'll be learning all about the greatest kinds of gifts and studying iconography!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	6 Parent teacher conferences	7	8	9
12	13	14 12 noon dismissal for all students	15	16
19	20	21	22	23 Closed for Christmas
26	27	28	29	30
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