

# Preschool A Newsletter December 2012

## Hi Pre School Parents:

Well, November was a fun-filled all month learning about transportation. First, the children had the opportunity to discover different types of transportation. We sorted different kinds of land transportation into the groups: trucks, bikes, cars, and trains. The children also made a graph of their favorite type of sea transportation. The class favorite was a boat with a grand total of 7 votes. Next, we spent some time exploring land, sea, and air transportation. The sorted children transportation pictures into different groups: land, sea, or air. Each child picked out a picture and sorted it according to where it's found.

## Math - Sorting & Classifying

Sorting and classifying are important math skills for preschool children. Helping children to classify and sort items is a primary objective of early childhood education. This month in Preschool, the children worked on practicing their skills for sorting and classifying classroom items. The children used a lot of different "concrete" materials to sort the items. We sorted bugs, insects,



pom pom balls by color, foam/felt pieces by shape, and pictures of different forms of transportation. Sorting and classifying activities help children to develop logical reasoning skills because they require children to analyze a group of items and observe obvious characteristics. Each time your child completes a sorting activity, he/she will gain valuable experience making observations. In addition to developing math skills, by extension, we also incorporated science (observation) and literacy and language skills.

## Group Art - Transportation

For this group art activity, the children were given a large piece of white paper, classroom wheeled transportation models, and bright colors of tempura paint. As a group, the children were invited to place the models in the paint and then roll them over the paper. The students were encouraged to try different models and colors to compare and contrast the tracks. This was a great opportunity to tie in literacy and art into one activity. The children had a blast using transportation models to create "Wild Wheel Art"!

December Theme: The four seasons and different types of weather.

## **Holiday Program**

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Bledsoe Elementary



#### **December Events**

- 15<sup>th</sup> Holiday Program
- 15<sup>th</sup> Stress Free Shopping
- 24<sup>th</sup> Closing at 3:00
- 25<sup>th</sup> Closed for Christmas
- 31<sup>st</sup> Closing at 5:00