



Jefferson Preschool
Barb's Class News
November 13, 2009

This Week:

This week we honored our Veterans. We learned that veterans are people who served in the United States military. Veterans Day, by Mari C. Schuh is a simple and direct introduction to the history and meaning of Veterans Day. Many people march in parades, just like we did on Friday. We talked about flying the United States flag. We honor our country when we begin circle with the Pledge of Allegiance. It is amazing how well the children know and recite the words.

We also read F is for Flag, by Wendy Cheyette Lewison and illustrated by Barbara Duke. This book teaches the young reader that we see the American flag waving at schools, on ships, parks, libraries, and the post office. Our flag stands for our country and the people who live here. Our country is filled with people who are different in many ways, and yet we all live, work and play together. We learned that Betsy Ross sewed the first flag. The stars represent the 50 states and the stripes represent the original 13 colonies. Our flag is red, white and blue and we are proud of our country every day.

We learned a special song for our Veteran's Day assembly. Everyone did a great job! All week we practiced singing the "Star Spangled Banner" so we could sing along as our ceremony closed. It is a tough song to learn, and I was very proud of how well everyone performed.

The children worked hard all week to color cards for our veterans and soldiers. We made individual cards and a large class card for morning and afternoon. During our presentation on Friday, two friends from each class delivered these to an attending veteran.

Our art project this week was a patriotic headband. Friends glued blue and white stars to a red band and added stickers to make their own head gear for our Veterans Day Assembly. They looked so cute.

Thursday, we had the chance to explore a real trunk full of gear. We passed around boots, hats, a uniform, medals, a flashlight, and compass. Some friends tried on the camouflage shirt and hats. They were just a little large!

Our celebration on Friday was worth all the hard work. I hope that many of you were able to attend. Our young friends may not understand the deeper meaning behind the activities, but it is nice to expose them to the idea that we respect our flag and our veterans who gave to make our world a safer place.

PM/OT Notes

Letter "F" Handwriting Without Tears sheets have gone home in your child's backpacks. You can practice forming the upper case letter F using the following language.

Put the crayon/marker on the smiley face.
Big line down. Jump back to the smiley face.
Little line across the top.
Little line across the middle.

Be sure to check for correct grip!

We have a new friend joining our morning class. Welcome Zachary!

Next Week:

Next week we begin a three week unit on Space. I can't wait to blast off!

As an FYI for parents and grandparents to make plans, we will be having a holiday program on Wednesday, December 16th. The morning program will begin at 10:45 and the afternoon program will begin at 2:30. More information will be coming home at a later date.

Important Dates:

Thursday, Nov. 19	10:45 AM 1:15 PM	Jim Gill Concerts
Monday-Friday	Nov. 23-27	Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, Dec. 16	10:45 AM 2:30 PM	Holiday Program

Thank you for sharing your children with us, they brighten our days.

Barb, Cheryl, Diane, Lorraine, Denise, Eileen, Susan, and Rachel