

Daily Highlights

Week of September 15

Monday

- Today was our first FULL day! It was very long for many, but we did it! We started the day talking about yellow. We sang *Mr Sun* and made sunshines and *Wheels on the Bus*, before making a bus craft. We had our first gym time with Ms Hanlon where we learned about gym safety and had a chance to expend some energy and move in different ways. We had two outside playtimes (one at recess and one after lunch). We began to learn about shapes and watched *Scratch Garden* and *Storybot "Shapes"* episodes on the screen during our Quiet Time. We also had our first center playtime in the afternoon. Students are taking turns rotating through five stations (Paw Patrol, trains, potato heads, animals and Big Lego). It was a long, full, busy day!

Tuesday

- Today we began to talk more about shapes and the circle was our feature shape. We practiced tracing and drawing circles in our Math Journal and identified many things that are circle-shaped in real life. We did our first directed drawing of a school bus and had our first visit to meet Mrs Wagner & Miss Nicole in the library. We did a fun movement song with scarves and had a peaceful Quiet Time in the afternoon with our new "Snuggle Buddies". We had the second rotation of of play centers and ended the day with the song "Open, Shut Them". Everyone was tired by day's end!

Wednesday

- We began the day with our first round of Fine Motor Bins, which are hands-on activities designed to strengthen the finger muscles we need for cutting, coloring and printing. We read and listened to a song version of *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* and then made a coconut tree craft. We had gym again with Ms Hanlon, did Number Corner, Quiet Rest Time, and sang & moved to songs with a scarf. We ended the day with Center Playtime.

Thursday

- We celebrated Green Day today and Parker's birthday. We did a green work job, sang *5 Green & Speckled Frogs* and made a speckled frog craft. We focused on triangles as our shape of the day. We have been practicing to trace our name in lower case letters with an upper case at the front and hope to soon work toward independent name printing this way. We also did another round of Fine Motor Bins, had Quiet Rest Time, and had our first "choosing day" at Center playtime.

Friday

- Today we played a fun pocket chart game with shapes, did a Directed Drawing of a frog, had outdoor gymtime with Ms Hanlon, and did our first Journal entry. It was hot lunch pizza day and another choosing day at Center playtime. We also watched a Franklin story and Scratch Garden counting episode. We are all very tired after a busy FULL DAY week!