



Preschool Newsletter November 6~10



More Clouds

We continued our exploration of clouds this week in multiple ways. First, the children drew theory drawings of what they thought clouds were made of. Some children had elaborate stories that led to their beliefs such as riding outside on their bike in the storm and the rain came from the clouds. One of the comments that we kept hearing is that clouds are white. When we probed further asking if clouds are always white they decided that no, at sunset clouds can be pink and orange and when there is a storm, clouds are gray or black. we made cloud collages using blue paper as the sky and cotton balls as the clouds. The children practiced their fine motor skills by using a dropper to suck up colored water and turn their clouds into storm clouds. We read a book by our favorite author Tomie De Paula called "Clouds." In it, we discover that clouds are made of water and small droplets of ice. The children were fascinated with this fact. We wondered how the water gets up into the sky to make clouds and how it comes down

to earth as rain. Xaydon said that it gets hot and just melts. This week, we will explore the properties of water a little with ice in our water table and by creating steam with boiling water. We will also take a walk to the park to observe clouds and attempt to make cloud bread again!



Failed Attempts

Let's be honest, we do not have the best luck when it comes to cooking bread with our children. Sometimes, the yeast just doesn't activate and sometimes the bread is way too dense, but we always try again! This is a valuable lesson for children. It is okay for things not to go perfectly- that is how we learn. We went to make cloud bread this week which requires eggs. Ms Lyn cracked the first egg and it didn't look right. we decided it would be safest to test the eggs and make sure that they were still good. This turned into a sink or float activity. If an egg is rotten, it will float. If an egg needs to be eaten immediately, it will roll on it's side in the eater and if an egg is good, it will sink. each child tested an egg in a bowl of water...they all floated! We had to postpone our activity until next week!



Library Visit

We were so excited to visit the library this week! The walk is a little farther than the park and we took a short cut through the mall. The children did really well following directions and staying with the group. At the library, we had to use quiet voices and asked the librarian to find the books we were searching for in particular. Everyone picked out a specific book to bring back to school. At school, the children were delighted to look at their book at nap time.