

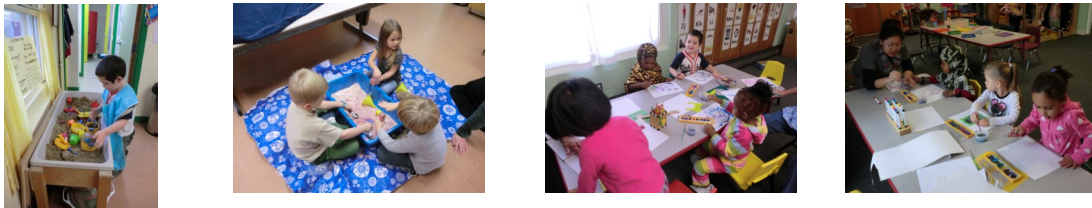
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We continued to explore the theme of families. The dollhouses were again a popular free choice activity, as was playing family during mealtimes in the dramatic play area. Washing babies in the sink was such a popular activity that we did it a second day as well.



Besides washing babies in the sink, we had several other sensory opportunities last week. We explored using funnels and glass jars with different colors of sand in preparation for our rainbow sand art project this week. We also practiced cooking and baking with sand in the sensory table, using measuring spoons and muffin tins. The students really enjoyed using watercolors, and we found out how beautiful it looked when we mixed the colors together with the stencils.



We had several outdoor adventures last week. We took a walk around the block one day, where the children pointed out the fire station, traffic signs, and different colored houses. We also pretended to fish—some of us even were the fish. Finally, a lot of excitement was had when one of the students found a live worm. We built him a house of leaves.



We did several activities that centered around music and dance last week. We made time for free-style dancing at circle. We read four different versions of the classic lullaby “Hush, Little Baby” and then graphed which one was our favorite. We also learned a Thai song for children about an elephant. Nui helped us make colorful elephant headbands, taught us how to act out the song,, and played the *khim*, a Thai stringed instrument, for us. We were so excited to learn about the music and national animal from her country.

