

Reservoir West Montessori Early Education Centre



Weekly Newsletter

Term 4

Week ending Friday 25th November 2011



Sports day Monday 5th December...

Sports day will begin at 10.00am and will take place on the undercover astro turf or the oval, depending on the weather. Please can all children wear suitable runners and easy fit clothes so as not to restrict movement. All are welcome!

Play... Wednesday 7th December...

The play is fast approaching! We will be using the schools outside stage, and it will begin at 10.00am. Please can parents who have not yet supplied a white t-shirt for their child, please do so by next Wednesday at the latest, as we do need to make some alterations to the t-shirts. Also, can all children wear black leggings, trousers or shorts on the day. Again, all are welcome!! We will be inviting Bruce to attend as a thank you for all his support. We will also be inviting Amanda. It should be lots of fun!!

Party Day...

The class party will be on Thursday 15th December and all are invited. Please can parents kindly supply a plate of party food for the children to share. A list of party food will go up next to the register towards the end of next week. Can you kindly place your name next to the item you would like to contribute. Thank you ☺

Treasure Bag...

Daniel arrived with a full treasure bag on Monday with an added box. At circle time Daniel sat with his treasure's in the circle, removing each one, then walking around the circle to show his friends, talk about each item and allowing them to hold the item. First came his AFL Collingwood ball, then his five cars. Next, two Mr Men books about 'Mr Wrong' and 'Mr Uppity', telling everyone that he had 46 books in total, with another thirteen in the treasure bag, which all the children loved looking at. Then his book on baby farm animals, "The Wonder of Nature", "Osbourne 123 book", "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" and "The Big Sea" book. A DVD of number jacks, an abacus musical. He sat confidently selecting each item with care, moving around the circle to show each child the box and then finally the 'piece de resistance'....his marble run, which consisted of more than forty pieces easily.

Cooper proceeded to help set up the maze but unfortunately we ran out of time before lunch so Daniel has kindly said he will take a picture of the maze completed at home, to show his friends. Well done!!

Only four other children have yet to receive the treasure bag, so we should finish the year with every child experiencing the inclusion, importance and the sense of being, belonging and becoming, this activity promotes. What a great success this activity has been, we will definitely continue with it next year.

Thank you

A big thank you to Angela for raising \$50 for the school on fete day with the Belly Art. It is very much appreciated. I think we have around \$800 saved for the outside area which is fantastic!!.



In cookery this week the children were very busy making tasty tarts and rocky road to furnish the school cook book with pictures. Then we made mexican twists.



In art the children made a post box for their letters to Santa and Christmas cards. It will be placed by the school door, so the children can place the mail inside. Each day a child will take the role of the post master to deliver the mail to the pigeon holes.

"Ourselves in Their Shoes" Anne Stonehouse

How would you feel if.....

You were walking beside a giant whose legs were twice as long as yours, who was walking at a brisk pace and climbing stairs that were for you, knee high? We forget sometimes one of the most obvious characteristics of young children: they are short. Their view of the physical world is very different from ours. They see the underside of tables and chairs, and may learn to identify people by their knees or ankles! Think about the vantage point of a pusher when you are moving through a crowd, at a museum or art gallery. Paintings, posters and other interesting things to look at, are placed at adult eye level, often far above a child's eye level. How interested would you be and how much notice would you take of objects placed two metres above your head? It is worth taking the time to get down on hands and knees to see the world from the child's level. Young children sometimes sit at tables that are chest high, in chairs that do not allow their feet to rest on the floor or support their sitting. Anyone who doubts the discomfort of staying seated for long under those conditions, should try it.



Have a good weekend!



December

6th Hassan Chennah

17th Samuel Kenny