



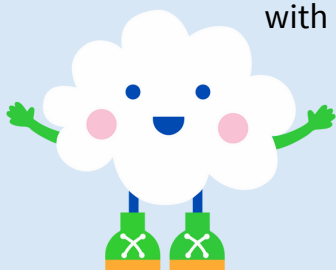
Older Toddler Daily Learning Highlights Week 51 | Day 1

STEAM

We turned into mini architects and built a city with boxes showing places we know! As we *Built a City Together*, We chatted about our community, made signs, and figured out how to keep our structures from tumbling down. Working together, we solved problems and learned about geography, showing off our creative and problem-solving skills. It was super fun to see our community come to life right before our eyes, and we learned how important teamwork is in making big projects happen.



Today, we danced to "*Put Your Finger in the Air*" by Greg and Steve, making sure we had space to move freely. As the music played, we followed along, touching our heads, noses, and shoes, then creatively expressed ourselves with our own dance moves. Some of us twirled, others tapped, but everyone enjoyed expressing creativity through movement. We learned to calm down after the excitement, demonstrating our ability to listen, follow directions, and control our actions while having fun. Dancing together taught us about creativity, self-control, and enjoying music with friends.



Language & Literacy

What's there to read in the kitchen? It turns out a lot! We discovered *Kitchen Literature* by with magazines, menus, and rebus recipes spread out, and we all became chefs deciding what delicious dishes to whip up! It's so cool how reading isn't just about books; we can find stories and ideas in all kinds of print. Mixing, stirring, and flipping through pages, we explored new words and pictures, feeding both our imagination and curiosity. Each of us got to share what we found interesting, showing off our unique tastes and getting to know ourselves a bit better. It's amazing how a little pretend play can turn into a big adventure in reading and self-discovery!



Physical Development

We turned into safety superheroes, talking about how we can keep our classroom and playground safe for everyone! With picture cards showing what's safe and what's not, we *Celebrated Safety!* We chatted about all the smart choices we make, like walking instead of running inside and swinging safely so everyone stays happy and unhurt. We even thought about new ways to be safe, like making sure we walk around swings. It was awesome to see how much we've learned about safety and how we keep improving. Talking about it made me feel proud of how we look out for each other. It's like we're building our very own superhero team, where everyone plays a part in keeping the day fun and injury-free!



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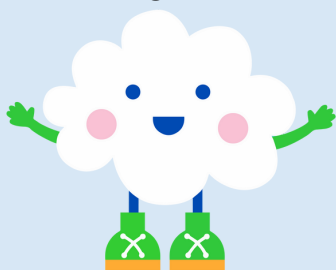


Language & Literacy

We explored how our hands are great for helping, inspired by the book *"My Hands Were Made For Helping."* We shared stories about helping at home and in class, like feeding pets or watering plants, using lots of new words and sentences. It made us realize how special and helpful we can be to our families and friends. We even looked at pictures of each other helping around, which made us feel proud and happy. Helping not only makes our communities better but also helps us learn about each other's cultures and how unique we all are. It's fun to see what everyone does to help out, making us aware of how important and special we are in our own ways.

STEAM

Today *Worked Together to Build* in the block center, as we teamed up to build tall towers, choosing blocks from our baskets and figuring out how to keep them standing. We experimented with different sizes and shapes, learning about balance and stability. When our towers fell, we tried again, helping each other out and sharing blocks. It was fun to see how tall we could build and great practice for our fine motor skills and understanding of spatial concepts. Plus, working together really helped us become better friends, showing each other kindness and patience.



Physical Development

We got to explore *Grow Foods and Slow Foods*, where we chatted about our favorite snacks and learned which ones help us grow big and strong. We discovered that fruits, veggies, and grains are "grow foods" because they're packed with good stuff our bodies love! Then there were "slow foods" - like cookies and donut holes - that we enjoy once in a while but are not as good for our bodies. We all got to pick two "grow foods" to try, it was a yummy way to learn about eating healthily and trying new foods, which makes us curious about what foods do for our bodies. We listened carefully, asked questions, and even got to express our likes and dislikes. It's cool to know more about what makes us feel good and energized!



Music & Movement

We had a blast singing and dancing to *"One Elephant Went Out to Play"* again! Remembering our song from before, we all got into a big circle, pretending to be huge elephants on a tiny spider's web. We made sure to be careful and not bump into anyone as we danced around. It was awesome to see everyone joining in, calling out "Hey... elephant!" and adding more friends to our elephant dance. It was a fantastic way to express our creativity through dance, learn about taking turns, and build friendships. Plus, we got to move around a lot, which was great for our muscles!



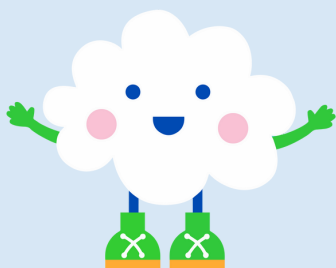
Older Toddler Daily Learning Highlights Week 51 | Day 3

STEAM

We became mini engineers with our "*Building Bridges*" project! We drew plans like real engineers and used blocks and cardboard to construct our own bridges. It was a challenge to make them stable, but with some trial and error, we succeeded. We learned about bridge construction, improved our problem-solving skills, and got to express our creative ideas. Testing our bridges with toy cars and animals was the best part. This activity helped us work together, boosting our teamwork and friendships, while also honing our fine motor skills and fueling our curiosity about how things work.



What Is My Job? We enjoyed a singing game, where we tried to figure out the different jobs we all do in our classroom and school. We sang to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?" and guessed who does what, like who turns out the lights or who hands out napkins. We even talked about our school helpers like the custodian and nurse. It was fun learning about everyone's special role and singing together. We got to show off our knowledge of classroom jobs and the important work our school friends do, all while practicing our singing and listening skills!



Language & Literacy

We discovered there are *Helpers in My Neighborhood*! We read the book "*My Neighborhood*" and discovered all kinds of community helpers and their workplaces, like firefighters, mail carriers, and bakers, through the symbols on buildings. We learned about the important roles these helpers play in our community and got good at recognizing symbols, like a fire truck for the fire station. We even got to practice our reading skills by identifying words and symbols and asking about new ones we hadn't seen before. It felt awesome to talk about what we saw and think about how everyone helps out in the neighborhood!



Physical Development

We became shape detectives, using our hands to explore and identify circles and squares hidden in a special bag, during our *Feely Bag: Circles and Squares* activity. Without peeking, we felt for the shapes and guessed whether we grabbed a circle or a square, then pulled it out to see if we were right. We even matched our found shapes to big circles and square outlines drawn on paper, practicing our shape recognition skills and talking about how circles are round with no corners and squares have four sides and corners. It was like a fun puzzle, but using our sense of touch! We all waited patiently for our turns, and it felt great to explore and learn together!



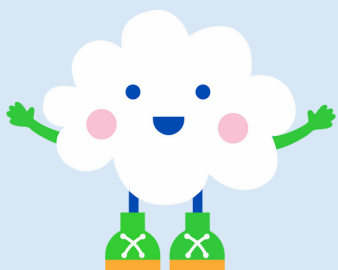
Older Toddler Daily Learning Highlights Week 51 | Day 4



We danced to the "*Alligator Stomp*" song and learned about Cajun music and alligators! We pretended our arms were alligator jaws going "Chomp, chomp!" and stomped our feet like alligators do. We even moved our hips side to side like alligator tails swishing in water. It was important to be careful not to bump into each other or furniture while we danced. Dancing to the Cajun beat was super fun, and we got to practice controlling our movements and paying attention to our friends to keep everyone safe. Dancing together helped us learn to follow directions and share a joyful time!



We got to play with tons of different balls during our *Roll That Ball!* activity. Some were big, some were small, and they all felt different when we rolled them. Our teacher said everyone would get a turn, and we even cheered for our friends when it was their go! It felt good to cheer for friends and share the balls, even when we wanted to keep playing with our favorite one. After our turns, we got to play freely, rolling balls to each other or trying to hit a target. It was a fun way to learn about rolling, sharing, and cheering on our friends.



STEAM

We had fun during our *Cloudy Water Rescue* activity, where we turned into animal rescue heroes! We started by counting and watching our plastic animal friends take a dip in clear water. Then, we made the water cloudy with cornstarch, and our mission began to rescue them using different tools like spoons, tongs, and spatulas. It was super exciting to guess and then see which tool would help us get the animals out of the opaque water. We talked about how the water changed from transparent to cloudy and used lots of different ways to solve the problem of rescuing the animals. It felt like a real adventure, and we learned how to work together, share our ideas, and use our hands and tools to help our animal friends.



Where did this come from? We turned into school detectives and we explored pictures of places around our school. As we *Pictured My School*, our teacher showed us photos, and we got to guess where they were taken. It was like a game, figuring out each spot, from our classroom door to the playground and even the parking lot! Some pictures made us think hard, and we had to ask questions like "What's that?" to get clues. We're going to use these pictures to help us build a model of our school with blocks. It's fun learning about all the special places in our school and sharing what we know with our friends!



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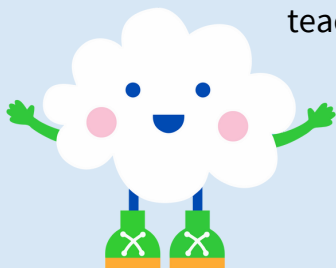


Music & Movement

We had so much fun with the "*I Can Go Up High*" song! Our teacher showed us how to jump, hop, and reach up high with the music. We made sure we had enough space around us so we could move without bumping into our friends. Following the teacher's movements, we jumped on two feet, hopped on one foot, and stretched our arms way up to the sky. After all that moving, we sat down and took three deep breaths to help our bodies relax. It felt great to move around and then calm down together. We're learning to control our bodies and feelings, even after lots of jumping and hopping!

STEAM

We got to be mini architects and builders as we *Built Our School* today! Our teachers showed us pictures of our school and then gave us all sorts of cool stuff like blocks, cardboard, and recycled materials to build parts of our school. We chose different places we see every day and used our creativity to make them out of the materials. It was fun to pick and mix the materials, like using a yogurt cup for a slide or cardboard for the walls. After we built our structures, our teacher took pictures of us with our creations. It was super cool to share our buildings with our friends and teachers!



Language & Literacy

We had a blast picking out *Our Favorite Books About Helpers*! Whether it was about community heroes or adventurous tales, each of us found a book with a cover that we thought we would love. Then, we dove into a fun activity called a "picture walk" where we flipped through the pages, looking at the pictures and guessing the storylines without even reading the words. Our teacher gave us tips on how to properly handle our books, like making sure they were right side up and how to gently turn the pages. Talking about the different helpers in the stories made us appreciate all the cool ways people help out in the world. It was a super fun way to learn and play at the same time!



Physical Development

How Do I Know I'm Thirsty? We learned all about staying hydrated today and why it is important! Our teacher brought our water bottles outside and sang a fun song about drinking water when we're thirsty. She told us our bodies would tell us when we need water, like when we're sweating or feeling dry. We practiced listening to our bodies and saying if we were still thirsty or all full. It's important to drink enough water to help our bodies work right. Every day, we get to decide when to grab our water bottles and take a sip, learning to pay attention to what our bodies need. This helps us understand how to take good care of ourselves, showing how smart and in control we can be about feeling great!