



Older Toddler Daily Learning Highlights Week 52 | Day 1



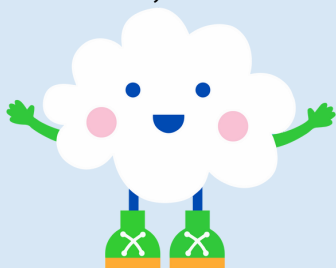
Music & Movement

We revisited and danced to the song “*We All Laugh in the Same Language*” and I got to pick a colorful scarf to dance with! It was awesome moving my scarf and body to the music, and I loved seeing all the different colors flying around. The song told us about how people say hello in different languages and reminded us that we’re all the same, even though we look different or come from different places! After dancing, we talked about how we all laugh and love, but we also noticed things like our hair or shoes that make us unique. I learned that it's okay to be different because inside, we’re all kind of the same!



Language & Literacy

We listened to a new book today called “*This Tree Counts*,” by Alison Formento, we explored the importance of trees and learned about counting together. We counted animals living in a tree, like owls and spiders, discovering how each creature matters, just like us. The story taught us about the role trees play in nature and how every one of us, including the trees, counts. Sharing our thoughts and guesses about the animals made us feel connected and important. It was a delightful way to combine learning about nature, practicing numbers, and realizing our own significance in the world.



STEAM

It’s all about *Ramps and Recycling* where we turned into scientists and engineers, exploring how different things move! Using ramps made from boards and various objects like blocks, paper towel rolls, and balls, we tested to see what would roll and what would slide. It was so fun to guess and then check to see if we were right. Some objects, like the paper towel rolls, rolled down the ramps, while flat things like blocks slid down. We even sorted things into groups of rollers and sliders. We learned a lot about shapes, sizes, and movement, all while playing and experimenting together. It was awesome to see our predictions come to life and figure out why some things went zooming down the ramps while others took a leisurely slide!



Physical Development

We did a super cool activity called *Save the Trees!* where we learned about recycling and why trees are so important. We talked about how paper comes from trees and how we need to use less paper to save them. We looked at a big symbol that means Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, and it shows how we can help the Earth. We tried to figure out how to make big pieces of paper smaller so they could fit in a recycle box without wasting them. We talked about how we can reuse paper for drawing or other stuff instead of throwing it away. It felt good to think about how we can help trees and the Earth just by being careful with paper.



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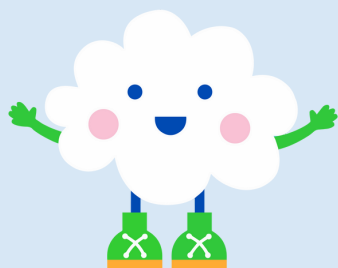
STEAM

What can we do with sidewalk chalk? We had fun discovering all we could with it during our *Explorations with Sidewalk Chalk* activity. We each got a square on the ground to fill with our chalk creations. Then, we got to see what happens when we mixed our drawings with water and different tools like brushes and sponges. It was like magic seeing how our pictures changed colors or blended together. We talked about what we liked and didn't like when the water made our drawings look different. It was super fun figuring out all the ways we can make art outside and learn a bit about science too!



Music & Movement

We turned into kangaroos during our *Kangaroos Jump* activity! We watched a video called "Looby Loo Kangaroo" by Pinkfong. It showed real kangaroos hopping and then we tried to jump just like them outside. We all tried to keep up with the music and jump around during the whole song. Some of us even wanted to do it again because it was so much fun! I learned that jumping like a kangaroo is not only fun but also helps us build strong muscles. And it was great playing and jumping with my friends outside!



Physical Development

Time to celebrate because we made our *Fancy Fruit Celebration Snacks*! We had this yummy cream cheese to spread on bread – some of us weren't sure about it at first, but guess what? It turned into a canvas for our fruit art! We got to pick from lots of fruits like strawberries, bananas, and even kiwi. Some of us said "no thank you" to some fruits, and that was okay because we got to choose what we liked. And talking about what we've learned this year while eating our creations was the cherry on top! This snack wasn't just about eating; it was about showing how much we've grown and all the cool things we can do now. Plus, it was delicious!



Language & Literacy

Today we got to see "*Our Name in Dots!*" Our teacher wrote our names big on the paper, and then we got to make them sparkle by sticking colorful dots all over them. It was like a treasure hunt finding our names and then making them as colorful as a rainbow. Peeling those tiny stickers wasn't easy, but we did it! It felt awesome to see my name pop out with all those colors. Plus, I got to say my name out loud and touch each letter as I decorated it. This was not just fun, it was like saying, "Hey, that's me!" with every sticker I put down. We're learning to spot our names and make them look cool, all by ourselves!



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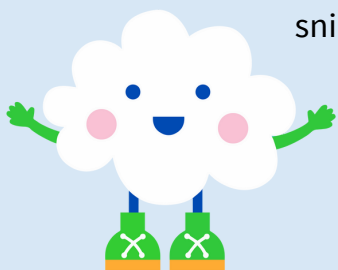
Language & Literacy

What's your favorite song? Today we discussed *Our Favorite Songs!* We got to remember all the awesome tunes we've danced and sung together this year. Our teacher showed us pictures that reminded us of each song, like a super fun clue game. Then, we listened to bits of those songs, which made some of us want to dance right there! We all shared which songs we loved the most by saying things like, "My favorite song is..." Our teacher wrote down our favorites and is making a playlist for a big dance party! Talking about our favorite songs helped us learn to express ourselves and understand each other better.



Physical Development

Guess what we got to do? *Snippity Snip* time! Our teacher let us use these super cool child-safe scissors to snip away at paper. Our teacher showed us how to make little snips around the edges to make a fringe – it's like giving our paper a funky haircut! We all tried really hard to open and close the scissors just right to snip the paper, helping us develop our fine motor skills. We're learning to do things by ourselves, and it feels great when we accomplish our goals! Plus, it was super fun to use scissors and make our papers look fancy. Can't wait to show you our snippity snip art!



Music & Movement

We had a super fun music and dance session with songs all about the weather! We started by dancing to "*Sun, Rain, Wind, and Snow*" by The Singing Walrus, where we got to pick our own instruments and move to the folk music beat. It was a little slow, but we made our dances flow with the music, swaying like trees in the wind. Then, we switched it up with "Hello There Sun, Sun, Sun" by Lingo Kids, which was all bouncy and fast – electronic dance music is so much fun! Our moves changed with the music, and we jumped around like raindrops bouncing off the ground. It was awesome to see how different music makes us dance in different ways.

STEAM

Come check out our *Worm Hotel*! We peeked inside this special hotel, where worms wiggle and squiggle in layers of dirt, sand, and leaves. We found out that worms need food, water, and a cozy dark place just like we need our snacks and comfy beds. With magnifying glasses, we looked super close and saw how they move and munch on leaves. We even talked about how worms love rainy weather, just like in our story "Worm Weather" by Jean Taft. We learned that worms are super important for the earth, and we need to take care of them. It was so cool to explore and learn about these wriggly friends and how we can help them stay happy and healthy in their wormy world!



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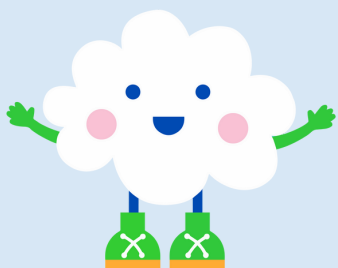
Physical Development

Guess what fun we had today? We did this cool activity called *Scribble on the Back!* We got to sit at a table and draw on paper with crayons, markers, and colored pencils. First, we found our special paper with our names on it. Then, we flipped it over and started scribbling and drawing on the back. Our teacher showed us how to make squiggles and loops, and we tried to copy them. We even talked about the colors we used and the shapes we made. It was so fun! Plus, we learned how to sit with our hips, knees, and ankles all bent at 90 degrees while drawing. We felt like real artists!



Language & Literacy

We explored *Picture Schedules* and *Environmental Print* today where we got to learn how to use our class picture schedule all by ourselves! Our teacher showed us some picture cards from the schedule and we had to figure out what order they go in. We worked together in small groups and took turns picking the cards and putting them in the right order. Sometimes it was tricky, but our teacher helped us by asking questions. We felt so proud when we got it right! We even got to help our teacher remember to use the picture schedule later in the day. It was fun and we learned a lot!



STEAM

We had so much fun with our *Rocks, Soil, and Rain* activity! We got to play with mud, sand, soil, and rocks outside. First, we used shovels and rakes to build whatever we wanted - like mountains or roads! Our teachers asked us questions about what we were making and helped us solve any problems if we disagreed about the materials.

Then, we pretended it was raining! We used watering cans to make it rain on our structures and watched what happened. It was so cool to see how the soil and rocks changed when they got wet. After, we washed our hands and got ready for the next group to play. We had a blast exploring and learning together!



Music & Movement

We had so much fun dancing and singing along to the *Emotions Hokey Pokey* song! We all stood in a big circle and held hands, then we showed different feelings like happy, sad, angry, scared, surprised, and silly as we danced. We put our happy faces in and shook them all about, then we did the same with our sad faces, angry faces, and all the other feelings too! It was funny making all the different faces and moving around. After the song, we got to pick which feeling we wanted to show and which play area we wanted to go to next. It was a super fun way to learn about emotions and dance together!



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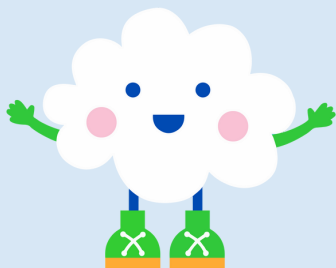
STEAM

We had the coolest science experiment ever - we made *Oobleck* to discover whether it is *Solid* or *Liquid*. It's this weird stuff that's kinda like a solid and kinda like a liquid at the same time. As we explored we had to guess if they were solids or liquids. Then, we mixed them together and made our Oobleck! Some of us used our hands to mix it, and some used sticks. It was so much fun! The Oobleck felt super weird - sometimes it felt hard like a solid, and sometimes it felt all squishy like a liquid. We even tried to pick it up, but it turned all runny in our hands! It was the best messy mixture ever, and we learned so much about solids and liquids!



Physical Development

Simon Says jump up and down! We learned through movement as we interacted with each other during a fun game with physical play. This game gave us the opportunity to demonstrate using our senses to observe and complete the activity while using our knowledge of body parts. Playing *Simon Says* helps us work on our gross motor skills and listening skills as we follow the instructions of the leader. I can't wait to play *Simon Says* again!



Music & Movement

We had the best time at our *Favorite Songs Dance Party*! We all gathered on the carpet and danced to all the songs we loved! Our teacher played the songs we talked about the other day, and we remembered them all! We danced freely, moving our bodies to the beat of the music. Some of us twirled around, others hopped, and some even did little jumps! It was so fun to see how everyone moved differently to each song. We danced and danced until some of us went to other areas to play, but we could still hear the music and enjoy it. It was the best dance party ever, and we can't wait to do it again!



Language & Literacy

Today at storytime, we read this awesome book called "*Littles and How They Grow!*" It's all about how babies grow up into big kids and then adults.

We looked at pictures in the book and talked about what was happening. We even talked about how we grew up from babies to big kids too! Our teacher asked us questions about the story, like how the characters were feeling and what they were doing. It was so cool to see the pictures and talk about how we grow and change just like the characters in the book. We love story time because we get to learn so much and share our thoughts with our friends and teachers!