

January Newsletter
Letter: Tt
Theme: Turtles

This week we discovered all the unique things about turtles. We looked at turtle eggs and talked about how the mother turtle hides them in the sand and lets the sun warm them. After the turtles are hatched, they are on their own and make their way to the water. We acted like turtles crawling to the water and the predators would come by...the turtles would hide in their shells. They loved playing this game. We also played musical instruments slow like turtles move. We would play slow and then fast like a rabbit. After playing the instruments, I read them the felt board story of The Rabbit and the Hare.

We also looked at their shells, eyes, nose, feet and talked about the way they hear. We talked about painted turtles, snapping turtles, box turtles, sea turtles and how to tell the difference between each.

This week we also made turtle bread for snack. This was just regular bread that was in the shape of one big turtle. The children all took turns adding ingredients or stirring and kneading the dough. They were able to add butter or strawberry jam to their piece.... some even thought it tasted like real turtles (as if they know what that tastes like)

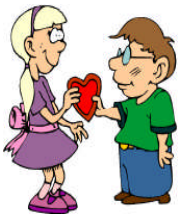
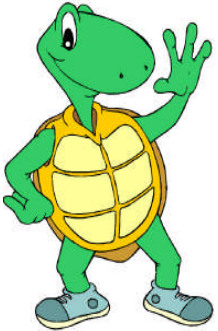
Next Week: On Tuesday and Wednesday we have guest speakers coming to talk about farming. If the children would like to wear "Farm Clothes" on those days they are more than welcome to.

- boots
- hats
- overalls
- tractor shirts
- Iowa shirts

Sign Language:
 Friend
 Turtle
 Tt
 Egg

BOOKS:
 ALL ABOUT TURTLES
 TURTLES TAKE THEIR TIME
 EMMA'S TURTLE
 TURTLE AND THE HARE
 FOOLISH TORTOISE
 FROG AND TOAD TOGETHER

ACTIVITIES:
TURTLE WITH TISSUE PAPER
TURTLE OUT OF EGG CARTON
SHAPE TURTLE WORKSHEET
WROTE LETTER T
FREE COLORING
T SOUND WORKSHEET



Valentine Parties:
 We will have a valentine party and card exchange on February 12th and 13th. Each child can bring in valentine cards with the from area filled out. They will be able to deliver them to each of their friends bags to take home and look through. They can bring little treat bags if they want to share them as well.
 MON/WED/FRI CLASS : 16 CLASSMATES
 TUES/ THURS CLASS: 15 CLASSMATES