



Montgomery
Child Care
Arcola

WEEKLY SCHOOL AGE NOTES

JANUARY 23-27, 2012

Hello Parents!

Thank you to all the children and parents who participated in Summer Adventure Day! We had so much fun and we look forward to a memorable summer with your child! This week was devoted to one of China's oldest traditions: The Chinese New Year. The children enjoyed learning about the Chinese zodiac, traditional folklore and how the Chinese prepare themselves for a prosperous and lucky DRAGON year! Happy Chinese New Year to those who celebrated this week! Have a safe and beautiful weekend!

Arcola School Age Team

THIS WEEK'S THEME: Chinese New Year Week
Art Projects:

- Paper Dragons
- Lucky Red Envelopes
- Felt Fortune Cookies
- The Chinese Flag

Fun Activity:

The children made friendship bracelets out of Froot Loops and yarn. They made the bracelets to give to their friends and of course have a delicious snack! What a yummy way to show your friends how much you LOVE them!

Cooking Project:
Chinese Stir Fry

REMINDERS:

Early registration for our Summer Program begins on February 1st.
Sign up early for extra savings!!!

Creative Curriculum Corner:

Creating a culturally aware and inclusive classroom setting is imperative to the success of our children. In an ever changing society it is imperative that children continue to develop their knowledge about other cultures. It is also important to learn about old traditions so that one can have a better understanding of the culture being discussed. By the end of the week the children were able to demonstrate their knowledge of The Chinese New Year and the story behind the Chinese Zodiac. The children were able to apply their personal experiences and use their critical thinking skills to interpret and relate to the traditions of the Chinese New Year. The children enjoyed ALL the art projects this week and showed so much persistence in completing their task! This week we focused on more interaction between the "Big Kids" and the "Little Kids" and we asked the older children to show the younger children how to complete most of the art projects. This gave all the children a sense of autonomy and belonging!



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Tyler and Jayden's mom, Lemai Chau for donating the beautiful display and coloring books for Chinese New Year!