



## ICCS Preschool Mountain Lion Cub News



### Family Fun

Miss Amber and Miss Melissa's preschool students have been learning all about families! They began the month exploring the important role that loving families have in their lives. The students participated in many fun experiences in which they were able to share about their own families in a variety of ways. Since pets are important family members in many homes, a pet unit came next. The Preschoolers have learned about how to love and care for pets. Their teachers



### Humpty Dumpty STEM Challenge

Miss Jylian and Miss Michaela's class have been working on rhyming skills using good old fashioned nursery rhymes! In keeping with this theme, the students participated in a fun Humpty Dumpty STEM challenge. Each child was given a hard-boiled egg to decorate as their Humpty Dumpty. Then, in small groups, the students invented a product to protect Humpty Dumpty when he falls. They worked together to design and create their product using a

transformed the dramatic play area into a "pet friendly" space which includes stuffed pets, bowls, kennels and other important supplies that can be used to take care of their furry friends.

variety of materials of their choice and then tested the product with their eggs to determine if it prevented the egg from cracking when landing on it. It was incredible to see these young engineers at work!



## **Fine Motor Skills**

The small muscles in the hands and wrists are developing rapidly during the preschool years. These muscles are what allow students to effectively hold a pencil, use scissors, and manipulate small objects. Our teachers create many interesting activities for their students that help them develop fine motor skills, such as these fun fine motor journals that Miss Jylian created which allow students to use a wide variety of materials to work those muscles! At home, you can help by providing playdough for your child to create with. You can also gather up a pair of tongs, a few bowls, and some small objects. Your child will enjoy picking up the objects with the tongs and dropping them into the bowls.

Change up the items to hold their interest.

## Pyramid Model

Our Preschool has adopted the **Pyramid Model**, an evidence-based-practice framework that promotes young children's healthy social and emotional development. Under the Pyramid model, we strive to do the following:

- Create learning environments where EVERY child feels good about coming to school and encourage child engagement so that children have the comfort of knowing: a) What is expected of me right now? b) How will I know if I'm doing it right? c) How long will it last? And d) what will I be doing next?
- Focus on teaching children what TO DO rather than what not to do by: Teaching behavioral expectation and routines, and skills that children can use in place of challenging behaviors.

Click on the link below to see the Behavior Expectations used in your child's classroom.

<http://bit.ly/3E21CUL>



## **Teacher Fun Fact**

Did you know that Miss Michaela played flag football when she was in high school? She was the only girl on the team. Go Miss Michaela!

## **Encouraging Words for Parents**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 4:6-7**