

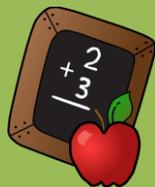
We can do a science experiment and record the process—just like real scientists! We observed that the liquid (batter) became a solid (pancake) when heated. Can you tell we think this is very exciting information?

Reminders

Mondays: return library books

Tuesdays: return “at-home” readers

April 12-19: AISM closed for holidays



WE ARE BUSY BUSY BUSY!

It’s been a very busy week. The trimester activities are in full swing and we are coming to a close for our current math and science units. Our language and social studies units will finish up shortly. The days pass very quickly when we are buzzing like a little bee hive here in ECE III

In science, we closed up our study of matter with another experiment using the scientific method. This time, instead of cooling matter, we explored what happened when matter is heated. Using pancake batter, we observed that the liquid batter changed into a solid when heated (cooked) and that this change was permanent. We also enjoyed eating the pancakes—so much so, that each student came back for seconds. Next up for sciences will be an exploration of light, sound, and heat energies.

In math, the students finished up their study of 2-dimensional shapes. We will continue to work on geometry and the next math unit will focus on 3-dimensional shapes. The students particularly enjoyed creating shapes using geoboards. This math manipulative is a powerful tool for math learning. At a young age, students can use geoboards to explore concepts such as sides, vertices, and shape size. For more information about geoboards click [here](#).

Finally, in language arts, we continued to explore the works of Jan Brett. This week we read [Three Snow Bears](#). The students learned about story elements such as characters, setting, problem, and solution. They also made a text-to-text connection with [Goldilocks and the Three Bears](#). Readers gain understanding during reading by thinking about how the information they are reading connects to other familiar text. “This character has the same problem that I read about in a story last year,” would be an example of a text-to-text connection.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs. O

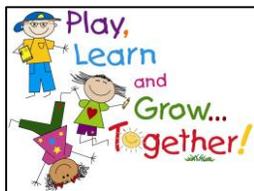
SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR WEEK



Using geoboards to explore shapes



Using shapes to make other shapes. We saw how we could use triangle and rhombus shapes to make hexagons.



Pancakes are delicious!



We can sort words that begin with “th” and “wh”



Bonus photo from last week: the students really enjoyed eating their frozen science experiment!