

MELROSE PARK OSHC BLOG

Term 3 Week 8

DEAR PARENTS



OUR WEEK AT OSHC

On Monday the children juiced their own oranges to make yummy orange juice, much like they did the week before as the children enjoyed this activity so much! The children also enjoyed morning ball games including hand ball and one bounce. That afternoon due to the rain the children split between the library and OSHC room to participate in activities such as painting, goo sensory play, construction with ello and Lego and dramatic play using the shopping bags and empty food boxes to role play grocery shopping.

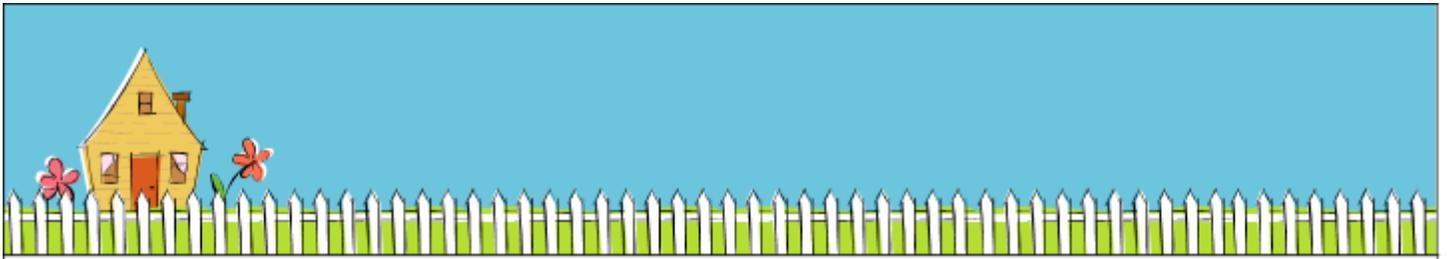
Tuesday morning began with painting. Using cotton balls stuck together with a peg the children were able to create various patterned flower designs. Small cotton tips were used to create smaller dot designs around their flowers. Many children often opted to use a paint brush once their artwork was complete to further perfect their designs. Whilst many enjoyed painting flowers others enjoyed creating their own unique designs such as trees, animals and various patterns. The children are continuing to enjoy quiet games in the morning such as cards and chess.

The afternoon was spent outside where games such as soccer, netball and handball were played. It has been great to see the children taking a particular interest in improving on their sports skills. The stick and ball game was brought outside where the children used their creativity and imaginative skills to build various buildings. "Mini MasterChef" has continued to be a popular game within the sandpit where the children enjoy creating food items related to a particular country of their choice.

Wednesday morning was spent making spring craft. Using various paint colours the children designed their own versions of butterflies, bees and flowers in celebration of spring arriving.

The afternoon was first spent in a weekly volleyball lesson where the children are continuing to improve on their volleyball skills each week. The younger students enjoy learning the skills of dodgeball whilst the older children have been enjoying learning the basics of volleyball and newcombball. Children were then offered the opportunity to create lemonade. Through squeezing lemons, using sparkling water and little bit of sugar the children created their own personal lemonade. They thoroughly enjoyed the process of making the lemonade and took a particular interest in squeezing the lemons.

Thursday morning was all about playdough. Using their fine motor skills, the children were challenged to create the best "human like" face using various colours of playdough. Through rolling, squeezing and stretching the dough many faces were created. The children particularly enjoyed crafting images of the OSHC educators. After this the children had free time where they decided to work together to create a zoo environment for various animals. Using shape cut outs animals such as birds, whales, bears and elephants were created. Outdoor play was offered to the children where handball and one bounce were popular activities chosen.



Thursday afternoon the children enjoyed playing outdoor games such as soccer, skipping and imaginative play. Many of them have enjoyed bringing out the Volleyball net to improve on their dodging, catching and teamwork skills which they learn every Wednesday. Craft entailed recyclable materials such as toilet paper rolls, chip boxes, cereal boxes, tissue boxes, egg cartons and paddle pop sticks to create various items. The children enjoyed creating lolly boxes, houses and books from the recycled materials. This activity enabled the children to utilise their imaginative and creativity skills whilst also learning about the importance of recycling.



Friday morning the children created their own music using a computer program called garage band. The children experimented with sounds adding them together to create musical patterns, this was a huge source of entertainment which the children found humor in. Whilst others preferred games of chess, Uno and ball games including hand ball and one bounce. That afternoon the group enjoyed their time outside playing, enjoying the sunshine in the sandpit where they cooked up a feast using the pots and pans.



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