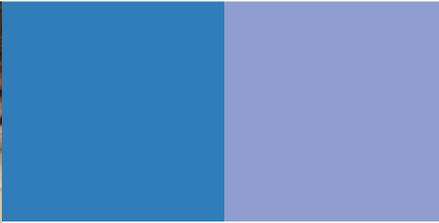


# This Week in the Preschool Stars...



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## **Maracas with Recyclable Materials**

This week we continued the Study of Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling. The children learned why we recycle, and why it is important for the environment to recycle. We talked about what materials we should and shouldn't recycle. The children made maracas from a variety of materials, and they had the option of using different recyclables to make the maracas. As they were making them, they were asked if the material was recyclable or not. This activity continued to help children with their fine-motor skills by holding the water bottles or toilet paper rolls and putting the sand in them. The Stars also improved their hand-eye coordination.



## PUMPKIN VOLCANO

During one activity this week activity, our Stars explored what is inside a pumpkin they pick up during our field trip. The children were excited to carve a pumpkin and see what is inside. Some of them used their hands and fingers to pull out the seeds. Other children preferred to use a spoon. Simone said she doesn't like the smell of the pumpkin. Later, the Stars used the carved pumpkin to make a Pumpkin Volcano. Ms. Krasl had all the ingredients on the table and the children took turns to pour a baking soda, liquid soap, and a vinegar. Children were surprised how the volcano erupted from the pumpkin. This activity triggered children's curiosity and the exploration skills.





## MATHEMATICS WITH DOMINO BLOCKS

This small group activities helped the Stars to improve their mathematics skills. Each child was given a few domino blocks. After the children had time to look at their blocks they had to find a block matching with numbers of dots with the one in the middle of the table. The children also built different structures with the dominos such as houses, and trains. The Stars were able to improve their counting skills and matching the numbers of dots with the right number on the domino block. The activity helped the children to apply their counting skills, and to connect numerals with their quantities.



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# Important updates:

- **REMINDERS:**
- **Fridays will be show and share. Please bring something starting with a letter J. Next week we will work with letter K.**
- **The weather is changing so please be sure your child has a few layers of clothes. In addition, please change the summer clothes for warmer clothes in their lockers. Thank you!**

Dear Parents,

This week the Stars continued their study of Reducing, Reusing and Recycling by exploring the topic where the trash go and what the workers do at the recycling center. We discussed all the possibilities with the children during our large group time. We also learned what happened with the garbage and the recycling materials after they are picked up from the trash trucks. We had activities using the recycling materials: we made maracas and use them as the instruments. With our craft activity we used craft sticks to make collages. With our science activity the Stars discovered what else we could do with the pumpkin after we carved it. We used the same pumpkin for our science activity, The Pumpkin Volcano.

We read: “Radio Man, “ I Stink!” and “ Sam Helps Recycle”

Next week we will explore the topic how the trash and garbage affect our community.

Have a great weekend!

