



The Moon Monthly

Summer 2010

Language and Literacy

The Moons are currently reviewing the letter sounds and corresponding body movements we learned using the "Sounds in Motion" program. Through fun and clever games, such as freeze dancing and an obstacle course, the Moons have been able to identify letters and pair the letter sound with the motion. Other fun activities that the Moons have enjoyed are circling and underlining letters on the board and singing the name game in which they change the initial sound of their names several times. They have also had fun naming stuffed animals using the same initial sound as the animal, such as "Harry Horse" and "Pam Penguin."



Samuel is making the 'F' sound.



Top:Lillian is looking at the letter "I."
Matias is going through the letter obstacle course.

Theme Days

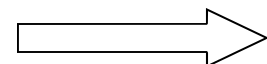


Rosie is wearing her silly hat.

On "Silly Hat Day" the Moons arrived in an array of creative hats. We had a wizard hat, a rhino hat, a fireman hat, a pirate hat and home-made hats that the Moons wore proudly. "Pajama Day" was no snoozer. The Moons came in wearing pajamas that pictured all sorts of super heroes and cartoon characters. On "Sunglasses Day", the Moons put on their sunglasses and walked over to swim at Asphalt Green in style. On "Favorite Color Day", the Moons talked about their favorite colors during morning meeting and danced to a song called "Colors in Motion". They also enjoyed a colorful snack of carrots, snap peas, pretzels and yogurt.



Rosie and Adam in pajamas.



Trips

The Moons' first adventure took them to the Marionette Theater in Central Park. In the most amazing down pour, we took the M86 bus to West 86th street and splished, splashed, and puddle-jumped our way through the park to see "Three," a story in which a handful of favorite fairy tales collided. The Moons' next adventure took them on a safari hunt for wild hippos at Safari Playground. Some of the Moons pretended to take a stationary row boat to IKEA and later cooled off in the sprinklers. The trip to the Museum of Natural History was much anticipated. Prior to this trip, the Moons looked through dinosaur books, drew sketches of their favorite dinosaurs and even offered their own theories about the demise of the dinosaurs. Another trip across town took us to Wild West playground where the Moons enjoyed floating objects down the stream that flows through the center of the playground.



Rosie and Adam at Hippo Park



Samuel at Hippo Park

Our local playground trips, as well as the roof top sprinklers, have provided the Moons and Stars with numerous social opportunities. A big highlight of the roof top sprinklers was when the Moons discovered the beautiful rainbow that appears through the water when it is really sunny out. On Mondays, the Moons enjoyed delicious ice cream treats with an array of colorful toppings to choose from. They got to know their Star neighbors better by getting all sticky together!



Samuel, Matias, and Adam enjoying some ice cream.

Thanks to all the families for participating in our Ice Cream Socials and weekly trips! It has been a blast. We will miss our Moons!



Lillian and her mom at the ice cream social.



Moons at the Asphalt Green swimming pool.

Enjoy your break!

