

Wattle & Grevillea Daybook

Tuesday 23rd April 2024

GETTING CREATIVE AND CLEANING WITH NICOLE



This morning, toddlers on the back deck did some painting with glitter! Everyone demonstrated how to hold their paintbrushes and spent time expressing themselves creatively through art. Edwin said he was making an 'octopus'. Yuna, a 'fish', Hugo, a 'pig'! After that, Lucy, Olivia L, Edwin, Hugo, Anny and Hazel helped Nicole clean the table we used for paint. We spoke about keeping our environment clean, with Edwin saying 'dirty!' - Thank you toddlers!

LEARNING ABOUT SHAPES AND COLOURS

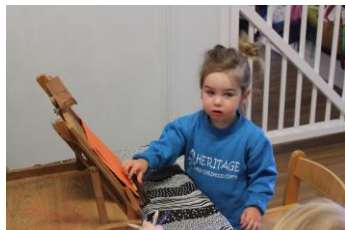


Children on the back deck this morning spent time investigating different shapes with colourful "glass" middles. Toddlers held them up to their eyes to look through and often commented on what they could see and the different colours around them. Educators discussed shapes we see in the world around us.

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PRACTISING FINE MOTOR SKILLS BY DRAWING



This morning Draga set up different activities across different environments providing an opportunity for toddlers to express themselves, understand the world and practice essential skills. Oliver, Marit, Olivia T and Alexandra spent a while exploring our drawing corner together while strengthening their fine muscles in hands and fingers. They also had an opportunity to explore creativity freely and talk about it with their peers.

CONNECTION AND FINE MOTOR SKILLS IN THE PLAYROOM



Today in playroom three Draga set up different loose part toys for toddlers to manipulate and create their own masterpieces. Oliver, Hugo, Yanning, Lilly, Anna and Alexandra spent a long time creating different structures, buildings, and designs. "S Draga" Oliver said showing Draga "S" shape creation he made. "Donut" Olivia T said creating a circle shape design. "Truck" added Hugo showing his creations to Yanning. Yanning made so many designs and proudly telling "Draga look at this one" as he finished each one. Anna told her peers about her creations saying she had made a "Gate and this is a snake" showing two colourful structures in front of her. Lily made "Cake" and Anna noticed it looks like a "rainbow". Olivia T, Anna and Charlotte enjoyed using dolls and books to create their own imaginary world stories and scenarios with them. It was an absolute pleasure being part of their morning and watching them happily and confidently engaging in everything.

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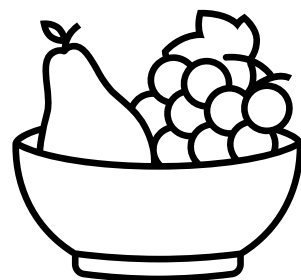
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LEARNING HAND HYGIENE

This morning Oliver, Marit and Olivia practiced with Draga how to wash their hands correctly before cutting our fruits for morning tea. Olivia T needed some help turning the tap on. Oliver happily showed her how to do it and she seemed so proud and did it by herself every time after that. Marit needed support getting the soap out, so Draga showed toddlers how to get it by themselves. We had a chat when and why we need to wash our hands. "Dirty" Olivia T said. "I have soup" Marit showed her soapy hands to peers. "I washed mine" added Oliver showing his peers his clean hands. Marit noticed that her sleeves got wet showing Draga to have a look. Draga showed her how to roll them on so next time they stay dry. They then used paper towels to dry their hands and Olivia T reminded them to put dirty paper in the bin.



CUTTING THE FRUITS FOR MORNING TEA



During morning teatime Draga wondered how toddlers would like their fruit to be served this morning. Oliver responded that he would like to cut his own fruit. Hearing that Olivia T, Marit and Alexandra asked to do so as well. Draga set up the table with fruit, chopping boards and knives and demonstrated to toddlers how to safely cut fruits. Oliver showed good strength and managed to cut his fruit without support. Marit, Olivia T and Alexandra needed some support from Draga to do it safely. Toddlers also had an opportunity to explore different textures, colours and tastes as they try all fruits, they had on a chopping board.

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SAND PIT ROLE PLAY



Children spent a long time in the big garden sandpit engaging in role play centred around cooking and baking. Children pretended it was Hannah's birthday, so they decided to throw a birthday party and bake some cakes "Its chocolate!" Olivia L told them "Chocolate" Yuna copied. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Hannah in English and Chinese and lifted their hands to shout "Hooray". Anna and Emma from preschool passed a big "cake" with a candle "blow Hannah" Anna instructed them. We love seeing children all working together and celebrating happy moments.

READING A BOOK WITH TITI FOR MORNING TEA



This morning, while having morning tea, Titi read a book about friendship. From the book, we learned that we could have friends from anywhere: from school, home, and even playgrounds. While reading, the children mentioned their friends' names, Lucy said, "Patrick" as her friend. Later, Titi mentioned that we could be friends with our brothers or sisters too and play together with them. Even with our pets, we could be friends too. Hugo was interested in the pictures in the book and said, "ball," while Noah added, "they are playing soccer together." The book's story ran quickly, and the children finished their morning tea and joined in outdoor play to make many friends!