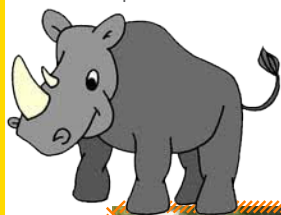




Ms. Anna's Classroom Newsletter Specials

Keeper's Talk

The Preschoolers visited baby rhino, Mohan and mommy rhino, Tashi! They prepared lots of questions for Mr. Rob. He is the Rhino keeper and he answered all their questions during his special keeper's talk. He shared that baby Mohan still nurses for his mommy and doesn't eat any solid food yet. Mr. Rob said that Tashi can sometimes be a picky eater, but her snacks are fruit and veggies because Rhino's are herbivores.



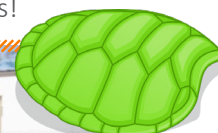
Animal Ambassador (Pet Project)

The class first animal ambassador of the year was from Timmy the turtle! Timmy is an Eastern Box Turtle that lives mostly on land but can swim. Everyone got a chance to touch Timmy and learned that he is 46 years old! He also loves to eat bugs. Timmy was a great first animal visitor especially because the preschoolers have been exploring what animals would make a good pet and which ones wouldn't. It's all part of the class' on-going pet project!



Biofact

Ms. Peggy brought in different turtle and armadillo shells. Everyone in the class was able to look over the shells and touch them. They were able to compare and contrast between the different shells. Ms. Peggy discussed the importance of shells and how they are for the animal's protection and safety. She shared that turtle shells are attached to their spines and cannot come off. The kids even felt their own spines!



Visiting Experts

Ms. Lindsay, the art teacher, did a group splatter painting using nature items. They did this outdoors and onto a large canvas. It's displayed proudly in the classroom! A very fun way to use nature as art!





Socials Fall Harvest Event!

The preschoolers harvested crops in the Heritage Farm garden with the help of Erie 1 BOCES high school students also known to the kids as "Book Buddies". They collected so many veggies such as carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, parsley, sage, thyme, kale, tomatoes, green beans, and green bell peppers! The kids with the help of their Book Buddies cleaned the crops and pack them up.



Fall Harvest Display

The class invited animal keepers and education staff to check out the veggies that were harvested and take some to feed our favorite animals in the Zoo. The kids were so proud to be able to name all the veggies to the keepers and staff. The returning kids got to share that they helped plant the seeds last Spring!



Kitchen Corner with Ms. Anna

YUMM!

The class made veggie frittatas using green bell peppers from our garden! This idea was inspired by the kids always wanting to prepare breakfast in the kitchen area. It was fun to make and even more delicious to eat!



Shout Outs



Thank you Mystery Readers:
Danielle (Luca's mom),
Lindsay (Bailey's mom), &
Jessica (Ophelia's mom).

Thank you Sandy, Caitlin,
and Brian for decorating
the classroom!



Ms. MJ
and Luca!

