



# Ryders Week in Review

## Monday

Happy Presidents Day!



## Tuesday

Today Ryder met my twin nephews, Jordan and Julian. He was instantly comfortable with them and happily shared his toys. They spent the entire morning playing, Ryder developed his large motor skills during a movement activity. The three boys danced to rhythmic music while waving streamers in hand. We shook a streamer across the floor and the kids took turns running and jumping over it. Ryder is working on developing his jumping skills!

For art, the boys displayed their creativity by painting on paper.

While painting, Ryder learned what could happen when we mix different colors. We also learned that listening to Mozart while painting could lead to a pretty interesting finished product.

Following the painting activity, Ryder played in the ball pit for a while and learned that walking with paper plates strapped to your feet can be silly and difficult!

Overall, Ryder had a great day filled with play, verbal interaction and exploration!



**Dancing with ribbons and scarves encourages Ryder to stretch and swing his arms. This creates spatial awareness!**



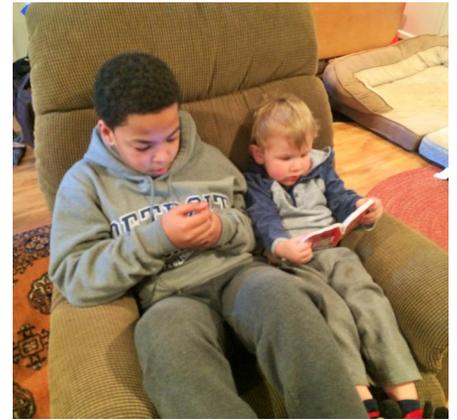
**Walking with paper plates attached to your feet also helps to develop spatial awareness. :)**

## Wednesday

Ryder started the day off right, by hitting the gym (My Gym) with mom! After returning from the gym, Ryder and the Wilson twins played with playdough. This type of activity, in a small group, encourages Ryder to be more verbally expressive.



Ryder did a lot of reading today. His ability to turn the pages has greatly improved. He also becomes increasingly verbal when he flips through his books!



## Thursday

Early this morning, Ryder played with his toys along with the activities that I set up for him.

During art, Ryder explored painting with spoons! It was a very different experience compared to using a paintbrush. Ryder seemed to enjoy this activity because he spent at least 10 minutes on it :).

Ryder spent some time playing with his magnets on the light-up board at the table. He also played with the sticky board on his wall. He enjoys sticking items onto the board and replacing them into the storage tin can. We got bundled up in our coats and

went for a walk through the neighborhood, before heading out to My Gym for practice and play. While there, Ryder ran into his friend Jackson and he ran and climbed and threw balls throughout the play area.

After his nap, Ryder took on the twins in a serious game of basketball!



## Friday

Friday was another fun day!

Ryder started the morning with a difficult activity designed to build his fine motor skills. He and I spent a few minutes threading a leather shoe string through bits of straw. Ryder is still working on using both hands to thread the string. Currently, I am holding the string as he threads the straw bits with one hand. This, in itself is difficult because the straw center hole is

very small. He is doing great!

For art, Ryder worked on gluing bits of scrap paper onto a page of construction paper. He's not crazy about getting glue on his hands. He doesn't like the sticky sensation. Ick!

Later in the morning, we went to the park where Ryder met a new friend! He was very impressed with the kids kicking skills. The little boy shared his ball with Ryder and taught him how to kick.

They spent some time kicking the ball around the playground. When it was time for the boy to go home, Ryder played on the large slide, sliding down it many times!

After the park, we went to the library where Ryder spent some time reading and playing with the wooden trainset.

By the time we returned for lunch, Ryder was ready for a nap! It was a busy and fun filled day!

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My mission is to provide Ryder a safe, enriching and nurturing learning experience each day.

My vision is that Ryder will grow with a compassionate soul, inquisitive mind, and confident spirit. He will be a leader among his peers, a versatile athlete, and an independent thinker.

## Highlights Of The Week



**Practicing my kick with a new friend at the park!**



**Painting with spoons!**



**Discovering new books at the library!**



**Nailing a slam dunk during a ball game with my guests, the Wilson Twins!**

