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Ryders Week in Review

Monday

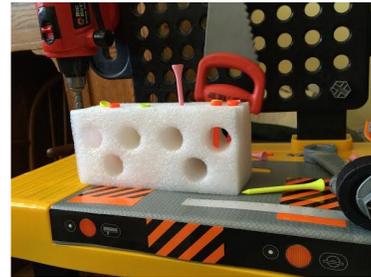
Today, Ryder attended My Gym. I had a chance to participate in the class with him. I had a great time and it was obvious that Ryder loves this class. After the gym, he spent some time at home working on new activities designed to develop and strengthen his fine motor skills.

The hammer and nail activity was added to his "Big Boys Work Shop" bench. The activity included a storage foam block, wooden golf tees and a wooden mallet. Ryder watched as I modeled the activity. He then took the wooden mallet into his hand and hit the wooden tees twice. He then put the mallet down and stuck the tees into the foam block with his hands and pushed them in using his forefinger. He seemed to enjoy the activity. The goal is to see Ryder use the mallet to nail down a tee. He is well on his way!

The Sticks In A Can activity seemed to be his favorite. He figured it out quickly and spent up to ten minutes on it. Tomorrow, I will add pipe cleaners to increase difficulty.

The Cheerios On A Stick was very difficult because the center hole of the cereal is very small, however, Ryder was able to do the activities after three tries!

Another activity that kept Ryder interested was the sticky board exercise. He was given a can of random objects that he could stick onto the board.



Nail & Hammer Activity



Tuesday

During free play, Ryder played with the Sticks In A Can and mastered the fine motor activity. I added a few pipe cleaners to increase the difficulty. Ryder inserted the pipe cleaners into the can with ease though he didn't enjoy the pipe cleaners as much as he did the sticks

and straws.

Before lunch, we went for a walk through the neighborhood, on the red wagon.

During lunch, Ryder tasted sea weed and didn't like it; Though he did take a few more tastes before deciding to leave it alone.

By the afternoon, Ryder

mastered the planes, trains & automobiles puzzle. And is still working on finishing the animal puzzle without help. The instrument puzzle sometimes frustrates him, but he'll master it soon.



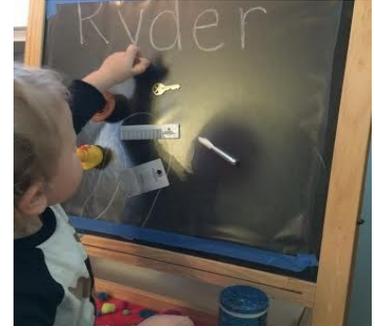
Wednesday

Ryder started the morning at a higher level My Gym class. Despite the more challenging activities, he enthusiastically tried all of them.

Ryder spent a little bit of time on his fine motor activities before he went down for a nap.



Ryder found it silly that the rubber ducky stuck to the board.



Thursday

In the morning, following breakfast, we took the red wagon, and walked to the neighborhood library! While in the library, I followed Ryder as he explored the environment. He spent most of the time in the children's section but ventured out to the area with the computers as well. I could tell that Ryder has an advanced understanding of computers for his age because he knew how to move and click with the mouse.

Ryder met a two year old, and together, they played with a wooden train set. The toddler's mom was very impressed with how well Ryder played with her son. He helped the boy put a

train together by handing him a train car; one at a time. Ryder showed no problems sharing. When it was time to leave the library, Ryder waived goodbye to everyone.

Shortly after returning home from the library, Ryder and I had lunch and we went to My Gym. While there, he had a great time playing, and watching the older kids jump and climb. Ryder ran into a couple of friends (Jackson and Natalie). He didn't play with them though. There were stairs to climb, balls to throw, and a ball pit to jump into. Maybe next time :)



Friday

Ryder and I took the three wheel stroller to the park in the Atlantis neighborhood. There, he slid down the slide, climbed the red jeep, swung on the swing, balanced on a log, stomped on mud and ran up and down a hill.

When we returned home, Ryder helped me set up for our art activity. Today we made a Valentine candy house! We put icing on a gingerbread house and stuck valentine candies onto the roof. Ryder seemed to love this activity, especially the part when he got to eat the candy!



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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**



Visiting the Broadneck Library and playing with the wooden train set!



Happy Valentines Day!



Swinging at Atlantis Park!



Mastering the sticks in a can activity!

