



Ryders Week in Review

Monday



Today was a beautiful spring day! We walked to the library to attend Toddler Time, but because we arrived early, we spent some time outside walking in the high school fields. Ryder practice maintaining his balance while running down and up the hills. He ran until he was ready to go inside and relax with a good 'toddler time' story.

Ryder continues to develop his ability to stay seated during circle time reading. He is becoming accustomed to the routine of picking out a carpet square, taking it to the circle (he likes to sit up front) and sitting on the carpet with his legs crossed. Halfway through Toddler Time (it lasts 30 minutes) Ryder needed some help sitting still, so I sat him on my lap and there he remained until the end of the session. He's close to doing the hand and body movements to the songs we sing.

After leaving the Library, we walked to Broadneck Park so Ryder could strengthen his social and large motors skills. He climbed the playscape, slid down the slide and played on the swings. There were a lot of children there and he did a great job waiting patiently for his turn on the equipment. His friend Jackson shared his snack and toy train.



Tuesday

Tuesday morning was busy with plenty of free play and activities. For art, I put contact paper on the windows and a basket of colored tissue paper. Ryder stuck the tissue paper onto the contact paper, making a collage that looks like stained glass. This is an open ended activity, meaning that there is no set end date and no specific description on what the finished product should look like. A stepping stool is provided so that Ryder could reach the windows anytime he feels like adding to the collage.

While Ryder was busy drawing and

playing with his blocks, I constructed a web obstacle, made out of yarn. The purpose of the obstacle is to help Ryder develop his spatial awareness. Ryder had to crawl, squat and stretch to get from one side of the room to the other. At first Ryder felt frustrated with the activity because it slowed him down but like every obstacle in life, he had to face the problem of getting through it. Ryder did great. I used masking tape to create a road throughout the playroom. Ryder loved the track and it made it easier for him to get under the yarn.



I don't like this!



Wednesday

Ryder's My Gym session went very well. He participated during the circle time group activities and free play. He much better waiting in line for his turn in. He also waited patiently while the session leaders set up the special stations. He became restless, however, during the last group activity. He wanted to continue playing when it was time to sit in a circle. But he responded well to redirection and with proper support, was able to complete the group activity.

After returning to the house, Ryder played with his blocks in the playroom. He played with the craft stick

activity that required him to get a set of craft sticks into an empty water bottle. He also played with his cars by driving them along the track taped to the floor. Ryder also mastered the web obstacle, getting through it with ease and confidence. Fantastic Ryder!



Thursday

Today we headed to the park though it was a bit chilly. Ryder discovered the merry go round at the park isn't as scary as he thought. At first he sat down while I spun it around. He really seemed to enjoy the ride so he decided to ride it while on his knees. Once he gained more confidence, he stood up as I spun the merry go round. Great job Ryder! This is exciting because he avoided this ride for a long time.

After spending some time at the park, we went to the library for a late afternoon of reading and playing. We checked out the train set and

Ryder played with it for a while. He picked out some books from the shelf and read them. He enjoyed the books and was very verbal while turning the pages. He's well on his way to becoming a reader!



Friday

Today we went to Chick-Fil-A in Severna Park. Ryder played in the play area with another boy about his age. The little boy has never been to the playscape and was very afraid to go down the slide and Ryder helped him by going down the slide with him. The boy's grandmother was overjoyed and thanked Ryder for helping her grandson. Ryder and the boy played together for a while until Ryder indicated through sign language that he was hungry. Ryder seemed to

enjoy his lunch. He had chicken nuggets, fries and milk. He ate almost everything. He left a couple of chunks of chicken because he filled up on fries!

Ryder played for a short while after lunch and then we went home. Ryder went down for a nap and woke around 5.

Ryder and I joined Kirk for dinner at Chick-fil-A and in hope of catching the tail end of family night. There were few children in the playscape, but Ryder seems to always find a friend to play with.

When we arrived home in the evening, Ryder played with a scale that we made using a clothes hanger, tape, string and two tin buckets. We counted blocks placing them in each bucket and watched the scale tilt as we added the blocks. Math fun!

Ryder went down for bed without fussing, ending another great day with the little tike.



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Watch Ryder Grow



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



Taking time out of my busy day to read a book with my #1 girl.



Obstacles are made to concur!



Discovering new books at the library!



Overcoming my fear of that spinning thingy at the park