



Ryders Week in Review

Monday



Learning Through Play

Today we started the morning with a "circle time practice". We gathered up a small bunch of Ryders stuffed friends and we practiced sitting in a circle on the rug. We sang and read a book.

Next, Ryder explored WIND! He made a table tennis ball spin in mid air with the use of a make shift wind tunnel. He felt the power of the wind when he placed a pinwheel in front of the tunnel. He also had fun by letting the wind blow his hair. Ryder wanted to know if the wind was powerful enough to blow his toy cars up in the air but found that it wasn't powerful enough. He also learned about cause and effect as he watched what happened each time he flipped the on and off switch. Ryder spent a whopping 25 minutes on this activity. Needless to say, he liked it very much.

To strengthen his already strong hand/eye coordination skills, Ryder worked on threading imitation flower stems into a colander. We practiced naming the colors of the flowers as we threaded them. Ryder had no problem threading the flowers and he seemed to enjoy the activity.

Later, Ryder worked on his shape identification using an I pad App. before heading to the library. The library is our favorite Monday morning hangout spot. They have a great train set that Ryder enjoys playing with and is also a great opportunity for him to share and interact with other children.

This week, we're starting a unit on gardening, so we picked up a few books about flowers and seeds. We cant wait to start planting!



Circle Time Practice

Tuesday

Ryder started his day with an art activity. He painted the letter "R" (for Ryder). He used a paint brush and the wheels of a toy truck to add some texture!

Because we are now working on a unit in gardening, Ryder had an opportunity to explore pea seeds before planting them. He played with them on a tray and we counted the seeds.

Last week we added a cardboard box (large enough for Ryder to play in) to his room. Today, I added long colorful glow sticks to the box and punched some holes into the side of it. Ryder spent some time threading the sticks through the holes and watching the sticks glow in the dark. While Ryder was threading the glow sticks, we practiced identifying the colors!

Ryder explored magnetic shapes on a metal tray and worked on identifying the shape and their color.



Art is a window to the soul

He then added more colored tissue to his "stained glass" collage. It's looking good Ryder!

Before lunch, Ryder experienced a super sensory activity with shaving cream on a tray. He wasn't sure if he liked the feeling of the foamy mess on his hands. Maybe next time I'll add some paint to the foam.

After his nap, Ryder planted his first seeds. He planted strawberries, peas and sunflowers. He learned how to put soil into an empty egg carton and then carefully placed a seed into the soil. He covered the seed with one last layer of soil and then watered the soil. We are very excited about growing a garden to feed our friends and family.



Wednesday

After an eventful morning at My Gym, Ryder came home just in time to continue his gardening!

He watered the seeds that he planted yesterday and went right to work on planting more seeds.

He planted some wild flowers, and more sunflowers and peas.

Ryder also practice watering the plants with his new watering canister.

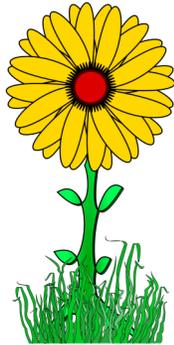
Ryder has the ability to handle the seeds with great care and we cant wait to see all of his hard work ay off!



Planting seeds with love & care



Ryder Facetimes his friend, Jordan, from Connecticut



Thursday

Today was a super exciting day because it's mom and dad's anniversary!

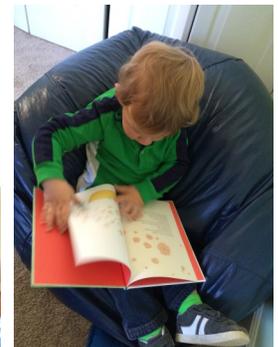
Ryder was busy this morning, working on his anniversary gift.

He painted a special gift and signed a card for mom and dad.

Later Ryder went to the Amish Market with mom and his nanny. At the market he saw many hand made toys and a super sweet train made of wood! He also watched the baker make moon pies and he tasted fresh cookies. The morning ended with a delicious lunch at the market restaurant. Life is good!



Gardening teaches us patience, care and appreciation



Happy Anniversary!

Friday

Today we started the day just like any good farmer would; we planted seeds!

We used magic soil pellets that grow when you wet them! Ryder thought it was neat to see the pellets grow and once they were completely wet, he carefully added his sunflower seeds.

Once we finished planting our seeds for the day, we took a walk to the park.

Ryders favorite ride is the merry go round. He likes to ride it by himself but he is very welcoming

and kind when another child wants to ride it with him.

Ryder played in the music center and in the large play scape. And then he took a break to have a snack and watched the other children play. Overall, today was a positive day and the end of a won-



Social skills are learned everyday at the park



People watching

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Watch Ryder Grow (food)



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.

WOW!!



Discovering the power of wind

Ehhh...
I don't know about this.

Highlights Of
The Week



New sensations



Playing with wind



Learning new ways of planting flowers