

Kindergarten

MRS.
DUMAN'S
CLASS

October 17, 2011



Collections From Nature

Last Friday we started our Science Unit called Collections From Nature. Due to the weather we had to scrap our hike to the Red Bud Nature Area and instead searched around the school grounds. We collected rocks, twigs, leaves, and anything else we could find from Nature.

This week we will be sorting, classifying, measuring, researching and creating using what we have collected. If you have any good books about nature, particularly Fall leaves, we would love if you could share them with us!

Some of the Things We Did Last Week

- * Sorted shapes
- * Continued identifying pennies, nickels and dimes
- * In handwriting we introduced the letters N and M. We also practiced their sounds
- * In writing workshop, practiced using our alphabet charts as a strategy to help us write, and organized our writing into finished pieces and works in progress
- * Introduced the word wall word "to"
- * Took a walk and collected things from nature
- * Learned about healthy habits from U of M nursing students
- * Practiced our fine motor skills by sorting beads with tweezers

[More About Our Class](#)

You can learn more about weekly classroom activities by going to our class website:

www.mrsdumansclass.com

If you need to get in contact with me, my e-mail is:

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Fine Motor Skills

As we get further into our handwriting curriculum, I am discovering that many of our students need extra practice with their fine motor skills.

I am in the process of creating a "Fine Motor Center Tub." This tub will contain a variety of materials that students may choose, or be asked to use. Many of these materials you may have around your house.

Attached is a list of ideas for our fine motor tub. If you have any at home that you are able to donate, they would be greatly appreciated! I'm also attaching some ideas for fine motor practice at home. These are some fun, easy ways to help your child without them feeling overwhelmed!

Dates To Remember:

Wednesday, October 19 - 4-7
Parent Conferences - I e-mailed those of you that have conferences tonight!

Saturday, October 29 - 3-5
Pittsfield Fall Festival - Come and have some fun, treats, and vote on our classroom pumpkin

Library Time

We have library time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Tuesdays, students will be in the library computer lab. On Thursdays they will check out books. Books do not need to be returned until the following Thursday.

Halloween

We will be having a Halloween Celebration on Monday, October 31 in the afternoon. There will be an all-school parade followed by our classroom party.

I will be sending home more details about this party next week, and you may also get a phone call from one of our room parents with additional details.