Here it is December already and the end of our first semester. Moving right along, the children sure have enjoyed reading a variety of Eric Carle books! The teachers decided to emphasize what an author and illustrator do. An excellent author for this age group is Eric Carle. You probably have several books of his already and began reading to your child at a very early age, such as, “Brown Bear Brown, Bear, What Do You See?”, so this is where we started. We began reading books already familiar to the children and then introduced books such as “The Very Clumsy Click Beetle” and “Mister Seahorse”, that maybe they have not heard before.

We introduced a variety of art experiences which shows Eric Carle’s style of artwork in his books. The children glued tissue paper to a large piece of paper, overlapping the colors while creating a collage. Another art experience was using paint drops at the top of a piece of paper and drawing the paint down the paper using a scraping tool. This created a variety of colored stripes and illusions just like the inside of Eric Carle’s book covers. The children had many opportunities to interact with the stories using props, puppets, cutouts and the shadow screen to retell the stories. Some of their favorite books were “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”, “Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See?”, and “The Very Busy Spider”. We also wrote and illustrated our own books using colored construction paper, markers, oil pastels and dictating to the teachers their story. This is an activity that you can continue doing at home with your child and while discussing what an author and illustrator does. It will be interesting to see if your child begins to recognize other Eric Carle books by the author’s style.

Ask your child 1.) What does the author do? and 2.) What does the illustrator do?
ENJOYING MANY ACTIVITIES!

Atticus painting his wooden sculpture.

Nico and Mio working with model magic to make their own creations.

Jonathan and Eleonore making Eric Carle stripes using colored tape.

Nico in the Make Shop thinking about the color and lights!

Lucy Jo wrapping her family’s gift!
Atticus and Kipton making cakes, cookies and having fun!

Slava gluing his wooden sculpture. Using the glue was the most fun!

The P.M. Blue Room putting together the purple cat from “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?”

Lucy Jo getting ready for Yoga. What animal pose is next?

Atticus setting out the carpet squares for his classmates and then himself.
ENJOYING THE MAKE SHOP!

- Slava experiencing light and shadow!
- "Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See?"
- The children telling the story!
- Jonathan finishing his sculpture!
- Our tissues paper collage in the Eric Carle artistic style has become our Northern Lights!
We want to thank the parents who came to read to the children this month. We hope you have a wonderful and healthy winter break!

Our next theme in January 2018 is Outer Space!

Please remember to bring your child’s snow suits, boots, hat and water proof mittens in January so we can go outside and play in the snow!

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