It sure seemed like a fast semester! Ending with a “Theater” theme was a great way to move out of 2012 and look ahead to a new year. Our friends in extended have already grown so much during our first half of the school year. Read on to discover all the ways we’ve learned!

“Chicken Little” by various authors began our literary journey through “Theater”. This classic tale is about a young chicken who mistook a fallen acorn for the sky. His trek to tell the King leads him to many other friends. They meet a hungry fox and, in some of the versions, the animals make it no further than the fox’s den. We enjoyed making king hats, creating paper acorns, playing “Duck, Duck, Goose”, going on a scavenger hunt, gluing seeds on the acorns we made, making a large paper tree for a prop, and making vanilla wafer and Hershey kiss acorns.

The following story was new to our library. “Broadway Barks” by Bernadette Peters is about an orphaned dog who finds a home after a kind stranger invites him to become a star in a broadway show. During this story, we made paw prints, exercised on a dog obstacle course, sang into the Karaoke machine, searched for hidden dog bones in the sand table, made sweet potato dog treats for a nearby animal shelter, painted our faces with homemade face paint, enacted a day in the life of a veterinarian in our dramatic play area, played a “Roll and Color” game, and created dog tags.

“Busy Bees on Broadway” by M. Maitland DeLand, M.D. was our third and final book for the theater theme. Grandma Bee and Bambina Bee go on an artistic adventure to discover Bee Broadway. They find all of the aspects of broadway: dancing, singing, acting, acrobats and comedy. We had so much fun making bumblebees, creating bumblebee scenes with thumbprints and ink, experimenting with drums, acting on stage, listening to “Flight of the Bumblebee”, making honey banana bread, tap dancing with washers on our shoes, and doing acrobats on the balance beams. It has been so much fun to learn and grow this semester, we are looking forward to our “Animals in Winter” theme this January!

Mrs. Bird, Miss Furman, Ms. McMichael, Mrs. Opferman, and Mrs. Tomer
Thanks for a great fall semester!