**Song and Dance Man** by Karen Ackerman. The grandpa in this story gladly shares his past vocation as a "song and dance man on a vaudeville stage" with his grandchildren. They go up to his attic and enjoy trying on his old costumes and using his props. Then they are gifted with a wonderful performance of tap dancing, singing, ukelele playing, magic making, and joking by their grandpa.

The friends created fancy Top Hats and Bow Ties to use when they performed and danced on the stage. Mrs. Armbruster, Children’s School Kindergarten Teacher and Professional Dancer, shared tap shoes and the friends got to wear Toe Taps that were made with metal lids and velcro straps. They tapped their way across the stage with music by Nicholas Brothers (a tap dancer back in time).
Our second book in Theatre was **Busy Bees on Broadway** by Maitland DeLand. A bumblebee family takes a trip to Broadway to experience a variety of stage shows. They see Dancers, Actors, Magicians, Comedians, Choirs, Opera Singers and Ballerinas. Activities that supported the story were: assembling insect puzzles, playing the Beehive Game, studying and matching the different parts of a bee, and making bees with wax paper wings. We also discussed the importance of bees in the pollination process and for making sweet honey. In the kitchen, we cooked biscuits with honey, and Grape Nut Bars (cereal bars) baked with honey.

**Broadway Barks** by Bernadette Peters ended the Theatre unit in December. This is the sweet story of a lonely, stray dog who used to be called Douglas. He befriends a woman in Central Park who takes him to a special Animal Adoption Show on Broadway. Douglas sings (barks) and dances (jumps) his heart out, and is eventually adopted by a kind little girl. She names him Kramer and takes him home to a dinner, a warm bath, a belly rub, and a cozy bed. Kramer and his new family are happy! The book includes a CD with the story and a beautiful lullaby for Kramer, read and sung by Bernadette Peters.

In the kitchen this week, we finished making a special gift from the children to their families in celebration of Winter Break and the holidays. We also made sweet potato chips as a treat for the dogs who are waiting for a home at the Animal Rescue League. Have a wonderful break!

Miss McMichael, and Substitutes Mrs.McGillen and Mrs.Mack