



The Tools of the Mind Connection

A newsletter connecting home and school environments

Blue Room
April 2018

Math Activity during Small Group

We play a game in our math block called “Remember and Replicate”. It helps the children to develop their memory skills, use position words and also develop fine motor control. You can play it at home with a little bit of playdough!! You make something out of playdough and put it on a bit of paper/cardboard telling and showing your child where it is (for example: I made a big ball and I am going to put it on the top of the paper). Then you cover yours and ask them to make the same shape in the same location. You can add multiple shapes and harder positions as they get better at remembering!



WHAT AM I READING?

- **The Gingerbread Man**
- **The Three Little Pigs**
- **Caps for Sale**

Save the Date

May 18th-Blue Room Graduation (more information to follow)

WHAT AM I DOING IN PLAY?

Theme: Fairy Tales



Our Centers:

- Dramatic Play-The Gingerbread Man
- Blocks-Three Little Pigs
- Science-Jack and the Beanstalks
- Literacy—Caps for Sale
- Table Toys-Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Art-The Little Red Hen

I am practicing my reading/writing and math by:

- Writing recipes and orders
- Measuring and weighing ingredients
- Sorting and counting with beans, buttons and hats

FINGER PLAYS I KNOW

There was a little turtle

He lived in a box

He swam in the puddle,

He climbed on the rocks.

He snapped at a minnow

He snapped at a flea

He snapped at a mosquito

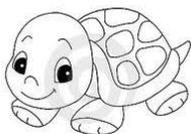
And he snapped at me!

He caught the minnow

He caught the flea

He caught the mosquito

But he didn't catch me!



EXTENSIONS AT HOME:

- Help measure and follow a recipe to make cookies
- Read a story from the book list, read your play plan and/or teach someone at home the finger play
- Role play with your family a Fairy tale



Share and Tell

April 12th-Each student will bring a number of the same item and the amount of items depends on their birthday month. For example, April brings 4 items, October brings 10 items.