



Lady Bugs Open House on March 25th 2011



Open House is a very special time for our students. They get to present their everyday Montessori 'jobs' to their parents in their own classroom setting. We pick an educational theme for the big day & each class works on projects & activities centered on this theme.

Our general preschool theme this year was **Literacy**.

The Lady Bugs class theme: **Adventures in Literacy**.

To get ready for this special day we read books by authors whose literary works included adventures. These authors were: Julia Donaldson, Oliver Jeffers, Michael Rosin, and Margaret & H. A. Ray.

We read some of their books such as: *The Snail and the Whale*, *Where's my Mom, Stickman*, *Room on the Broom*, *Way Back Home*, *Up and Down*, *Lost and Found*, *Going on a Bear Hunt*, *Bears Day Out*, *Bear Flies High*, and *Various adventures of Curious George*.

- Our class projects centered on the books we read and tied into our theme of **Adventures in Literacy**.
- The children painted cardboard whale tails and glued shells to represent the story and friendship of *The Snail and the Whale*.
- They each picked and decorated a Curious George doing all kinds of different activities from the *Adventures of Curious George*.
- They made UFO's and took pictures of themselves as Martians (green face paint and antennas included) from the book *Way Back Home*. The children also made little airplanes out of toilet paper rolls and hung them from the ceiling in the classroom.
- They each took their time and glued multigrain cheerios to bring their Bear to life for *Going on a Bear Hunt*.
- The hands down favorite activity for the entire class was a book they made for the class mascot, Hoots, a little owl. They titled it "**Hoots' Adventure Book**". Each child took turns taking Hoots home for the weekend, making him part of their family activities. The children (and parents) had fun documenting this with photos and a short paragraph of what Hoots did. Hoots enjoyed fun trips; Disneyland, skiing up in the mountains, train station, Olvera Street, doctor's visit, library, soccer game, swimming/sun tanning, California Science Center, Zoo, T ball game, Mc Donald's, and bike riding. The final product was presented to the children and parents on the night of Open House. What a lot of fun reading Hoots' adventures!

