



Classroom Connections

Connecting Home and School

Classroom # 4

Teacher: Shannon Seelinger _____ Week of: 10/14-10/18/2019

Our Current Study: Bread _____

Daily Questions of the week: Which kind of bread do you want to make? Is this bread? (display a photo of a croissant) Can bread be sweet? Can flour be made from this?

What we learned this week: This week the children began to explore breads that are sweet such as blueberry muffins, pastries, and banana bread. They learned the word pastry means an often sweet, baked food item made from dough, such as cake, muffin or cookie. The children also explored the different types of flour like unbleached flour, rice flour and oat flour. They discussed ways the different flours may affect the color or texture of bread. The children also shared their favorite kinds of bread-dough ingredients, such as nuts, raisins, fruit, cheese and seeds. The children also put their baking skills to the test this week by making corn muffins in the oven and old-fashion white bread in the bread machine.

Second Steps: This week the children reviewed "Asking for What You Need or Want" in the 2nd Step Curriculum. The children were able to demonstrate asking for what they need or want during skill-practice activities.

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Essential questions we will explore next week: What would find in a restaurant? How is a restaurant and bakery different? What is a menu? What is a pizza parlor and what do they do there?

Things to do together at home: A fun cooking activity to do with your child is to make spiral sandwiches. Roll out a slice of bread so it's quite flat, then spread with butter and a colorful filling like strawberry jam. Roll the slice up into a tight cylinder shape then thinly slice the cylinder to give spiral sandwiches.

Things to bring to school: Please send in any old cookbooks or recipes you may have for the children to use in the dramatic play and writing area.

Thank You,
Ms. Shannon & Ms. Syasia