



Classroom Connections

Connecting Home and School

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Week of: 10/21/19

Our Current Study: Bread

Focus Question of the Week:

Who works with bread?

Daily Questions we explored:

What can you put in bread dough?

Which bread stays fresher longer?

Which hat is the best to wear while baking bread?

Which person works in a restaurant?

Do you know any of these letters?

What we learned this week:

This week the children had the experience of actually using a bread machine! We followed a simple white bread recipe, watched the dough rise and baked it! Afterwards we took a vote. We discussed people and the different types of jobs they do that involve bread such as *baker* and *pastry chef* and the different types of *responsibilities* they have.

Big Day Pre-K Letter of The week: Ee.

Second Steps Lesson: Self Talk

Self instruction, or self-talk, is an important tool children use to help them listen, focus attention and learn. Most young children talk to themselves much of the time as they are doing activities or playing with friends. Over time, children typically internalize self-talk and no longer speak aloud to themselves.

Skills we practiced:

- **Rhyming:** The children attended small group rhyming activities where they matched rhyming words. We practiced this skill throughout the week by reading stories that rhyme and allowing the children to fill in the missing rhyming word, singing songs and reading our good-bye poem!

Focus Question we will explore next week:

How do we eat bread/When do we eat bread?

Daily Questions we will explore:

What do you eat with your bread?

Have you ever tried bread like this?

Which would you eat at a picnic?

When do you eat this bread?

Which bread was your favorite?

Things to do together at home:

Read stories that rhyme to your children. After you've read the story a few times, pause at the end of a line and allow for your child to fill in the missing rhyming word!

Some of our favorites: *Llama, Llama, Red Pajama, Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom* and *Good Night Moon!*

Things to bring to school:

The weather is changing, please be sure that your child's extra set of clothes is tolerable of the colder weather and is labeled with their name!