



MILESTONES: St. Monica School's Onsite Childcare Programming Provider

During the month of January, we entered the worlds of construction and architecture and outer space. Each theme was explored for two weeks utilizing unit boxes that Milestones has developed.

During the construction and architecture unit, we read books discussing how houses are built; the different jobs people have in building homes; different construction equipment; bridges around the world; as well as books involving imagination like Christina Katerina and the box by Patricia Lee Gauch and Roxaboxen by Alice McLerran. Our activities involved building with straws and paperclips, Legos, and stylized wooden building blocks in ancient Japanese, Russian and skyscraper styles. We also did building projects with marshmallows and pipe cleaners and our room's wood unit blocks.

In our travels through outer space, we examined the solar system, stars and constellations, and space travel in both fiction and non-fiction formats.

Our dramatic play area was transformed from a construction office to a space station. Our activities also went through a transformation as we played dancing games to the music of Disney's Treasure Planet and Science Fiction Movie and TV music. We also made paper rockets, Sculpey planets, and a solar system mobile to highlight some of our arts and crafts activities.

Coming up in February and March, our themes will be Board and card games; winter wonderland; beaches and oceans (two weeks); insects; Birds; and we will wrap things up in March with gardening (two weeks).

Dave Leitl
Program Coordinator

Milestones onsite childcare programming is available for all St. Monica School students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. All K-4 and K-5 children participating in the Milestones program are personally escorted to and from class and never leave the safety and security of our school building. Students may be enrolled in the Milestones program for as few as two days per week.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Milestones at St. Monica School directly by calling (414) 967-3039. You can also reach Dave Leitl, our Program Coordinator, directly at: djleitl@wi.rr.com. Or, if you prefer, simply pop downstairs and see all the activities for yourself!