

Kindergarten Puppy Dog Room

December News Notes

The kindergarten class has completed the Midwest unit. We first discussed our region as a whole and then we looked at each state in our region. We would begin by finding a state's similarities to our state, what crops they grow, the climate, or common animals. Then we talked about what makes the state unique such as the Indianapolis 500 race in Indiana or The Gateway Arch in Missouri. When we studied Wisconsin we learned of their love of cheese. In the land of 10,000 lakes we heard the call of the loon. In North Dakota we talked about our 26th president and the national park he created.

For each state we covered we would add one artifact from that state to our large floor map. This work became very popular. Everyone in the class has become very proficient at laying out the Midwest states without a control map! We have continued our journal work, this time focusing on writing one interesting fact about a state.

While we studied Illinois the class really enjoyed the Lincoln Pennies, so we have continued to study coins this time focusing on the state quarter program. If your child is interested in starting a collection the current quarter program is America the Beautiful. The quarters feature national parks. The Illinois quarter showcases the Shawnee National Forest.

This month our new unit is a timeline. We have begun to create a timeline of homes.