

HUSKY JOURNAL

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"Going back to school, in person."

A LOOK BACK AT THIS FUNKY YEAR

An important part of the learning and growth process is reflection. Our teachers have been asking reflective questions over the last few days to help children process this unusual year.

WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF THE YEAR?

"Making ice cream at summer."

"Playing with friends on the playground and actually having friends to play with."

"All the science experiments."

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR?

"Science experiments."

"Being older."

Multiple children responded that they are looking forward to **HARDER MATH!**



Donation Request of Materials to be Upcycled

Thank you for your support of Husky House throughout this year. We have survived on a very tight budget and appreciate all your thoughtful contributions. You can help us right now by donating some supplies for the fun-tastic summer activities our teachers have planned.

- Shoe boxes
- Tin cans
- Magazines
- Water bottles
- Jars & lids
- Funnels
- Wooden spoons
- Measuring cups
- Tiles (broken or intact)
- Garden items (stones, pebbles, tree stumps, etc.)
- Small, scrap wood
- Old or broken electronics for pick-apart

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Room 19 (1st & 2nd grades)

Marbled Art

Our 1st and 2nd graders love to get a little messy!

We did a shaving cream marbling project where they had an opportunity to mix colors and create their own unique designs. They also had sensory fun just playing with the shaving cream when they were done.



Husky Pup (TK & Kinder) Mindful Practices

In the pup room, we have been practicing mindful moments regularly during our afternoon circle time. We do this in hopes of emphasizing the importance of being in the moment, finding control of our breath, and exploring calming techniques. In the activity shown, we practiced Bean Bag Belly Breath where we lay calmly, quietly, and imagine a magical place pictured in our minds. We then use our breath to move the bean bag up and down on our bellies.

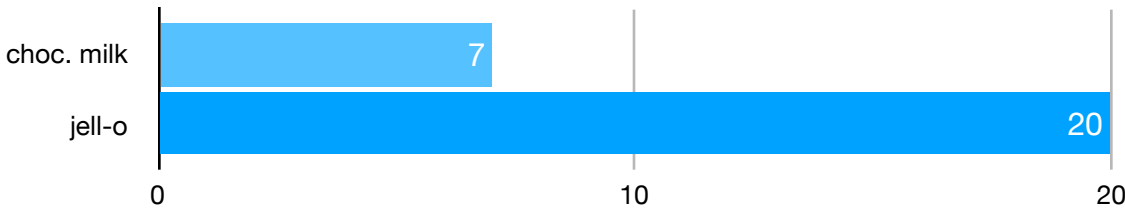


CHILDREN WERE ASKED
WOULD YOU RATHER...

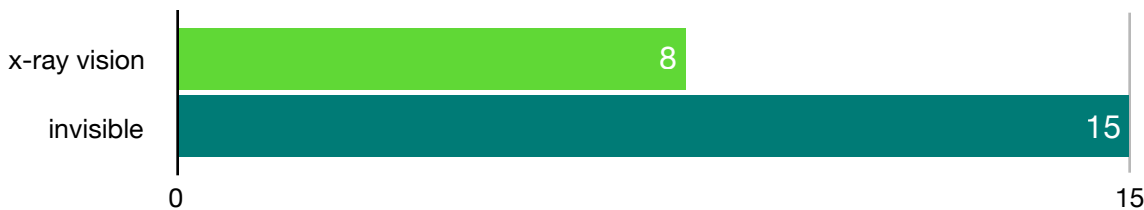
Be a fish or be a bird?



Have a pool filled with chocolate milk or jell-o?



Have the ability to see through walls or be invisible?



Have an extra eye or an extra ear?



MAY 27

Last Day of HVE

We are expecting all registered attendees at 12:00 this day.



MAY 28

Party Day

We are open 8:30-3:30.

While school is closed, we will be having a PARTY DAY with pizza, child-chosen activities and a group close-out to the school year.



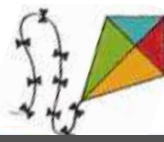
JUNE 7

First Day of Husky House Summer Program!



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WHY WE PLAY

...for Soft Skills!

Soft skills are becoming increasingly important in the career world. Yet many employers report a soft skill gap in today's applicants.

You might be surprised to know that this high-demand skill set is something we devote a lot of attention to already!

"Soft skills" is the term used to refer to the skills outside of the more rigid set of academic and cognitive abilities. They include **connecting with others** (empathizing, communicating, collaborating, etc.), **critical and creative thinking** (innovating, problem-solving, inquiring, etc.), and **self-regulating** (planning, decision-making, controlling impulses, etc.).

Don't let the term "soft" confuse you. **These soft skills are hard-won.** They can't be taught through worksheets. They're built through experience and play.

When children play "house" together, they are learning to **negotiate**, to **collaborate**, and to **communicate**.

When they choose to go to the art table and create something completely unique from the materials offered, they show **decision-making, organization, planning, creativity, and innovation**.

And when they notice a friend's feelings have been hurt and choose to offer a hug and invite him/her to play, they demonstrate **empathy, problem-solving, and leadership**.

We know your child won't be trotting off to any job fairs anytime too soon, but we also know these skills take years and years of practice to build.

That's why we play today.

