

## Good-bye 2011; Hello 2012!

It's been an awesome start to the year 2012 with some great activities and topics. We dove into a little science this month and learned about the body. We learned that we have skeletons and we made our own out of dry spaghetti. We also made a Mr. or Ms. Me by tracing our hands and feet and cutting them out to glue them to a body. We gave our Mr. or Ms. Me a face and hung them up for awhile.

We also experimented with our sense of taste. We tried to tell the difference between sweet, salty, bitter, and sour by eating a Skittle, the salt off a pretzel, a piece of lemon, and a taste of cranberry juice.

We tried to see what it would be like to draw a picture without our eyesight. We tied a blindfold on and drew a picture, then took our blindfolds off to see what we drew.

We then made a life-size picture of us by tracing our bodies and colored them to look just like us.

I also introduced games like Go Fish and Crazy Eights and the kids loved it. Go Fish is a great game for number recognition and learning to take turns asking questions. Crazy 8s is a good one for color recognition. So if you and your kids are ever bored, pull out the deck of cards and have fun!

Then, to top it all off in introducing our community helpers theme for next

month, one of the students' moms is works for the park service and brought in a bunch of animal furs and other things to share with the kids. They loved it. So next month, we will continue to talk about community helpers!

## **Activities for Home**

This month we talked about our bodies. You and your child can sing songs together like "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" or "Dem Bones". You can also draw a picture of a person and talk about parts of the body like including a nose on the person's face, for example.



