

### March Review:

In March we explored the topic of “Discover the Desert”. In week one we talked about being at the rodeo. We talked about what a cowboy might wear and what they ride in a rodeo. During week two we explored the Sahara Desert and the animals you may find in the desert, both large and small. Week three led us to the Mojave Desert where children learned about the desert tortoise, burro and cactus. We discovered the desert night in week four and learned about the desert cottontail, coyote and rattlesnake.

Our focus this month:

Shape: Square

Letters: Hh, li & Yy

Numbers: 13 & 14

A few of our projects: boot designs, cowboy hat headbands, hors- es, rodeo story scene, Don’t Spin the Scorpion, hieroglyphics, pyra- mid stamping, Tortoise or Turtle?, “What Am I?” books, cactus sculpture, desert night bingo, camel and desert cottontail puppets.

We have really enjoyed our visits with the kindergarten classrooms and getting to know new friends and teachers. It has been a blast getting ready to be kindergartners for next year. Way to go kiddos!

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### Our Amazing Minneapolis Kids Jr. Friends

#### One day’s discovery!

- During “Tortoise or Turtle” we discussed as a group the differences between a tortoise and turtle.
- We played the tortoise shell match game. Each child received a card with a bunch of different col- ors on it. I spun for a color and if it matched a color on the card, she/he put a cube onto that colored spot. If the spinner landed on a scorpion, they had to remove any color of their choosing.
- The kiddos created their very own tortoises. The shell was made out of a small cup. They put a pat- tern on the cup to resemble patterning on a tor- toise. As they finished up and without direction from me, placed the tortoise shells on their backs and started to crawl around the room. They moved slowly in fear that the shell would fall off. What cre- ative minds we have here!



### April Preview: Bees & Butterflies

In the Beehive, Bees, Butterfly Life Cycle, and Butterflies

Shape: Octagon  
Letters: Bb, Qq & Nn  
Numbers: 15 & 16

Remember,  
Thursday,  
May 19  
is our last day  
together  
as Jrs. :(

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