

PANCHABOOTHA CLASS FOR INFANTS IN NAMMA VEEDU MONTESSORI SCHOOL.

It was very interesting to observe Ms. Kalavani David presenting the concept of Panchaboorthas to infants in Sendurai-Namma Veedu Montessori School.

She gave the presentaion for 7 children of mixed age group.

Materials: water bowl with straw, candle with match box, pictures of sky.

Presentation:

Dear children see Hema is sitting upon my laps...

Like that we all are just living upon this land, can we all tough and feel the land. It is also called Bhoomi-Earth.

Few children touched the floor and also jumped upon the floor. She continued, "like aunty just hold safely Hema, Bhoomi is holding all of us and all objects from falling down. She has a power called "gravity"."

Then she allowed the children to talk about various beings upon this Earth and then used the straw and sucked the water.

"Deepak! [3 year old]what is inside this bowl?"

"aunty water, ha I knew inside this Earth we have water, I am correct?"

"Sure, as I am sucing water from this bowl, we all take water from the land and use it for various purposes and let us see for what all we need water..." She also gave the other name for water as "Jalam"

Then she lighted the candle and showed the flame and light shine and spoke about Fire element and gave the name as "agni". Immediately few children spoke about the day and night concept and linked the sun to fire.

She focused the useage of fire in transformation especially in cooking.

Karthika said, "aunty i saw my mother making dosas and Sambar upon the stove"

"yes, the fire is transforming the flour into dosa and dhall mix into sambar by heat"

Then she just put off the candle light and asked them to see the spreading smoke and explained that the air carries the smoke all over the room. Then they discussed about the importance of air and children related their breathing exercise with this air concept. They were also given with the other name "Vayu"

Then they were asked to open their snack boxes and asked to observe how the snacks have been placed. Then she connected as follows,

"like the box giving enough place to all your snacks, the akasham or space is giving place to all of us and let us go out and see what are there in this space"

She was very particular about the pollution and relating each point with the day to day life of the child within their own limits.

We appreciate Ms.Kalavani and also Dr.Pradheep to bring out this concept.