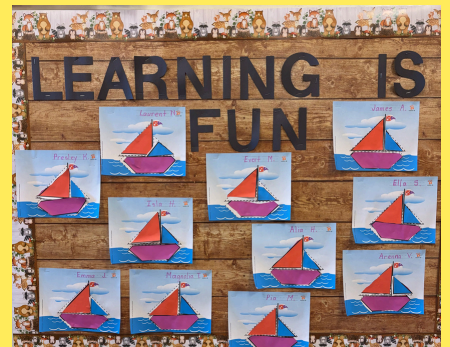
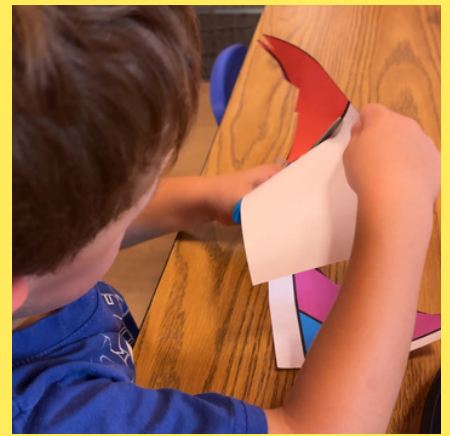


SMALL HANDS, BIG SKILLS: CUTTING & SHAPES IN PRESCHOOL

Early in the year, our preschoolers are working hard on building the small skills that make a big difference. In our cutting and shapes project, students learned how to hold scissors properly, cut safely, and practice taking turns with tools. These moments not only teach responsibility but also build the fine motor strength needed for future writing and art projects.

As children worked with scissors, they also engaged in shape-matching activities. By exploring triangles, trapezoids, and other geometric figures, they learned to notice differences and use their critical thinking skills to solve problems. This hands-on activity reflects Guided Experience (G), where students learn through teacher-supported practice, and also builds Observation & Open Questions (O), as they wonder about how shapes fit together and why certain pieces match.

Perhaps most importantly, this project gave our preschoolers a chance to practice kindness and cooperation. Learning to share scissors and support one another in the task reminds them that school is about more than just academics—it's about building community. These small but powerful lessons will carry with them far beyond the classroom.



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