

Busy Bees at Millerton Head Start

When one thinks of bees, the image that comes to mind most often is one of bees buzzing around flowers and vegetable plants. This particular time of year you won't find many real bees buzzing around Tioga County... but if you happen to find yourself at the Millerton Classroom of Bradford Tioga Head Start, you might think you are in the middle of a large swarm!

Over the past month, they have had a parent activity day, a visit from "Chicky-Choosy" (the 'I am Moving I am Learning' mascot of Bradford Tioga Head Start) and a Stamp Camp project! During the parent activity, moms and dads were invited to join in the class activity of stringing beads. Beading is a great way for children to practice fine motor skills while creating a special gift for themselves or others.

When "Chicky-Choosy" visited the center she was promoting healthy eating and exercise. The 'I am Moving I am Learning' (IMIL) philosophy teaches children the importance of healthy foods and exercise by using contemporary music to stimulate their young minds and bodies. The role model and messenger of the IMIL program is Choosy.

Then, as if all of that wasn't enough the class participated in a Stamp Camp activity. The children were asked to look over many stamps to find those that had animals depicted on them. This activity reinforces the child's sorting skills and animal recognition. All of the stamps the children selected will be used in a project in weeks to come.

So, if you hear a low buzz coming from the northern part of Tioga County, don't worry- it isn't the "The Swarm" or even the making of a new "Bee Movie". It is just the buzz of activity coming from a group of 3, 4, and 5 year olds learning. Learning new skills, learning healthy habits and learning how much fun it is to be a part of a Head Start classroom!

