

9:00 Circle: THE FOUR DIRECTIONS- Have the direction labels mounted on the four walls of the classroom. Read *North, South, East, and West*.

Lesson- **PLACING THE FOUR DIRECTION CARDS** using a compass (G)

MOVEABLE ALPHABET WITH PICTURES (L)

WASHING FRUIT (P)

SQUEEZING ORANGE JUICE (P)

PARTS OF AN ORANGE PUZZLE

EXPERIMENT: Make a needle compass

ART: Pattern printing

11:45 Circle: Read *Somewhere in the World Right Now*.

Sing the Alphabet Song while doing the sign language we have learned.

Story Time- *The Snow Tree*

3:00 Circle: SENSORIAL GLOBE - Pass around a 1"-2" model of a house. "This is a model of a house. Is your house this little? (No!) This is a tiny 'model' of something big." Introduce the globe. The globe is a "model" of our earth. The earth is covered with land and water.

Read *This is Our Earth*.

Lesson- **SENSORIAL GLOBE / SAND GLOBE** (G)

100 BOARD (M)

"A child's work is to create the person she will become." Maria Montessori

Placing The 4 Direction Cards- Make a posterboard strip 1" x12" with an arrow on one end.→ Make a 1" x12" strip without an arrow point.

Lesson-Place compass on a round rug or felt. Find north. Place the arrow like the arrow on the compass. Place the strip across it. Find the direction card that matches the north wall label. Place the north card at the tip of the arrow. Match the other cards with the labels on the walls and place at the other three ends. Pointing to East and West say, "Because the earth is turning, the sun rises in the east and sets in the west." Place a model of a ship, car, or sun on the top strip and make it "go east" and "go west."

Extended activity:

Invite another child to play a direction game. Example: "Tiptoe to the south end of the room." Take turns giving commands. "Take 20 baby steps east and walk back."

Sand Globe- Globe with sand (rough) on the land masses and slick blue (smooth) for water. You can make one: Use a small paint brush to carefully cover the land masses on one half of a regular globe with white glue. Do only one continent at a time. Have prepared: In a box, bunch up a towel to make a nest to set the globe on. Sprinkle sand on the glue. Let it dry completely before doing another area. Lesson- Feel the rough and smooth. The rough represents "land," the smooth represents "water."