

Kindergarten

November 21, 2020

Classroom News

This was the last three day Kinder week for this calendar year as we do not have a Kinder Friday in December. Boy were the kiddos tired at the end of the day yesterday (me too!).

We are doing really important work in Kinder now as the students are beginning to write their own words and make important observations that they record in pictures. This marks a HUGE step in their learning as they begin to draw and write to communicate with others! The next time your child draws a picture have them tell you about it; is there a story they are telling with their picture, do the details have meaning, are they able to associate any letters with the things in the picture by using labels? You will be amazed at how drawing can be a strong outlet for their communication!

The students had a terrific time working in their new mini-cohort centres this week! They loved working together and I saw them learning so many important social skills such as sharing, taking turns, collaborating and problem solving. Next week, the students will stay in their mini-cohort but will rotate into new centres.

Next week, I will send home a little parent homework for you to do with your child. Please fill in the information about your job (it can be any family member's job) and talk about it with your child. Then send it back to school and they will share about it in class. **Papers are due back by December 1.**

With the end of November coming closer, I know many people are thinking about Christmas! This year our Christmas concert will be virtual. Each class will practice and perform a song or poem that will be recorded and combined into a video concert. Families will get to enjoy the concert at home with their loved ones.

There are great new pictures up on ClassDojo. Check them out!

Have a great weekend!

Important Dates

Nov 24 – Purdy's Fundraiser orders are due

Dec 1 – Parent Job Info is due

Dec 17 – Last Kinder day before the holidays

Jan 5 – First day back for Kinders

Unit of Inquiry

Central Idea: How We Organize Ourselves

Lines of Inquiry:

- Similarities and differences in neighborhoods
- Needs of a community specifically our school

Key Concepts: Form, Function, Connection

Learner Profile: Thinkers, Knowledgeable

Attitudes: Cooperation, Curiosity

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