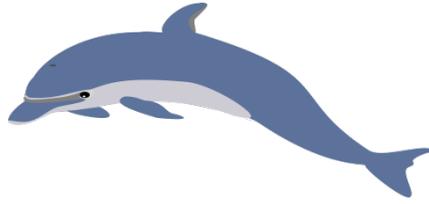


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Hello Dolphin Families,

Welcome back from vacation! We hope you had lots of fun and enjoyed the snowy winter weather. With or without snow on the ground your children will appreciate being sent to school with their snowpants, mittens, hats, and a warm jacket as the playground can be very chilly during the afternoon. Before vacation they were working hard to dress themselves for playing outside and remembering to stay organized in dressing. Often the children sang a song that helps them get dressed with the lyrics: "Snowpants, boots, jacket and hat then your mittens go on last!" It does take some time to dress and our goal is to be on the playground by 3:45 with the first group of children.

The Dolphins truly enjoy coming together in the afternoon! A favorite activity has been to lie on the rug and draw a collaborative picture on a giant piece of paper. The children work together to manage share the space and to make plans of where and what to color. Similarly, dry erase boards are a preferred activity. With a marker each and erasers to share, the Dolphins are playful in what they create and concentrate on their ideas.

During afternoons that are rainy or it is just too cold to go out the children enjoy bowling and doing yoga. They take turns and encourage each other with comments of how to roll the ball to successfully knock down the pins. Yoga is implemented during their mornings, sometimes as part of the circle curriculum. At Dolphins, mats with yoga poses are placed on the rug for children to independently access. In addition to yoga, mats with action moves are also available for them to follow. Often one child will invite a friend or two to join.

Recently, the Dolphins have had the opportunity to use a train set. They constructed the track all over the rug in different ways. Then they traveled to places, avoided collisions and rerouted when necessary. They narrated their play scenarios, sharing a story line with anyone playing on the rug.

As part of the school policy, remember that the sign out book is for adults only to sign. Please take into consideration the unpredictable traffic and weather patterns of the area and allow enough travel time for your pick up routine.

On the following page you'll find some fun photos, enjoy!

Sincerely,

Adrienne, Ingrid, and Shayna





