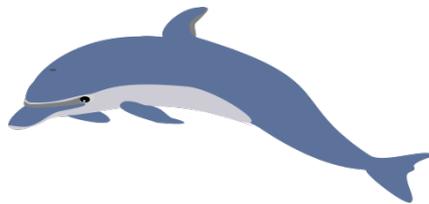


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Hello Dolphin Families,

Since coming back from February vacation, the Giraffes and Turtles have been excited to see one another again and resume playing together. We hope you had lots of fun outside in the balmy weather during that week! However, with the recent snowstorms and chilly air, we are back in snowclothes. While we are hopeful for warm sunshine, please keep sending in those layers for the afternoon playground time.

Before vacation, the monkey bars, swings, and see saw were in full use. The children's confidence in pumping independently and going across the monkey bars confidently was evident as they happily took off their mittens or gloves to do so. They also collaborated to build homes and vehicles with the large blocks and tires. Later in the afternoon, the Dolphins spent time observing the beautiful colors of the sunsets as we walked in from the playground for snack.

In the classroom, the children have been building with blocks that are shaped like the following letter: H T L and I. Their creations are intricate as they expand across the rug symmetrically or with a little height at a table. They have also been simply coloring together. The Dolphins kindly encourage each other to color carefully as they crowd around the table, sharing space and talking about their day.

The Dolphins have also been working together to complete large floor puzzles, sometimes completely them more than once in an afternoon. They have also been excited to invite a teacher to read book after book on the rug. It is clear that it is a favorite activity as there ends up being a small group huddled to see the illustrations.

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

Sincerely,

Adrienne, Ingrid, and Shayna



On a day when the weather did not permit us to go outside, we brought a trampoline into the classroom for some gross motor movement. The children lined up the chairs for a clear space to wait and to know whose turn would be next. As they jumped, some of them sang songs or counted.





At this open-ended activity, the children used the provided materials including tubes, marbles, pom-poms and beads to experiment. They discovered that if they held the tubes close to their ears, they could hear the sounds of the various items going through. The Dolphins collaborated to connect the tubes together in order to change the wave-like sounds as the marbles coasted through.