



It has a very busy month in the Giraffe class. September has flown by. The children have been learning the routines, and have been having fun. Our Jungle theme has been a great hit! Together we have engaged in all kinds of learning.

Some highlights from **Circle Time** are included here:

1. **Yoga:** A time for everyone to relax, calm our bodies, stretch our muscles, and breathe slowly and rhythmically. Some examples: "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" song, "Monkey Moves", and "I'm A Butterfly".
2. **The Whole Body Listening Larry At School** written by Kristen Wilson and Elizabeth Sautter. This curriculum component teaches children to listen with their whole bodies. This helps everyone to focus, and listen quietly to the teacher as she explains the group plan.
3. **Science/Eco-Systems:** Sorting animals to match their habitats, graphing our favorite jungle animal, "Who's missing game?" using a variety of jungle animals, and looking closely at a real sunflower.
4. **Creative Movement, Finger Plays and Music:** "Do the Monkey", "5 Little Monkeys Swinging from a Tree", "The Hat", Matching shoe game, and playing musical instruments with music.
5. **Books Read Aloud:** From Head to Toe by Eric Carle, Walking Through the Jungle (song) by Barefoot Books, Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae, The Tiny Little Fly by M. Rosen, Go Tell the Toucan by C. West

Thanks everyone for joining us at Back to School night! **Thank you** to Nicole and Terry Huynh and Katy Abramson for providing the refreshments for BTS night! If you couldn't attend we are happy to share the handouts with you.

Reminder, we are still waiting for more family pictures! The children are enjoying seeing their pictures on the wall. It's a real conversation starter. Please send one in as soon as possible.

We have a sign-up sheet for making play dough for the classroom. It is next to the attendance book in the classroom. We will provide you with all the ingredients. It's a fun activity to do with your child.

Please make sure your child has proper foot attire for the playground. We go out almost every day, so please pack outerwear for changes in the temperature, and label everything.

Parents are always welcome to come and read to us. Please let us know if you would like a turn.