



PANDA POST

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CLASSROOM NEWS

The Panda class continues to engage in all types of activities in the room, from exploring different types of sensory materials such as play dough, silly putty, and sand to playing with a wide variety of manipulatives. New friendships are flourishing as the children recognize their peers at school. Discussing friends' "school days" and "stay home days" has been a major topic of conversation in our classroom!

We have just completed our unit about Pete the Cat and his many adventures. As in previous years, Pete was a favorite in the Panda Class with activities that included making Pete's face from paper plates, painting Pete's shirt and adding buttons as well decorating Pete's shoes. We also made an original "Pandas & Pete the Cat" book which is now available for the children to look at and enjoy throughout the school year.

This past week we said goodbye to Pete and are enjoying a theme about birthdays. Our kitchen was transformed into a "Birthday Spot" where we are pretending to have birthday parties with the children picking out gifts for each other as well as singing "Happy Birthday" and enjoying "Birthday Cake"

Our next theme will revolve around the wonders of the fall season!

"BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT"

Our "Back to School Night" was a great success with parents getting to meet the teachers, getting to know one another and learning a little more about our classroom. We would like to thank the Hyman and Kates families for providing the evening refreshments.

THANK YOU TO...

. . . Sidney's Mom, Kristen for reading to the class and teaching us some new Yoga poses.

PLAY DATES

As children develop they become increasingly interested in spending time with their friends. We heartily encourage play dates!! Having a friend to play with outside of school is a very positive way to develop and extend relationships with peers from the classroom.

These times can be very simple; meeting at neutral grounds such as a playground for ½ hour to start is often the best introduction.

Please feel free to speak to a teacher if you have any questions about play dates for your child.

PLAYGROUND CLOTHING

Although we may still have "teases" of warmer weather, it seems the cooler weather is beginning to appear. Please dress your child appropriately for outside play each day. Even if the high temperature is in the 60's or 70's, at our playground time (10:15) it is often quite cool.

This is also a good time to check your child's extra clothes bag to update clothing for the cooler weather. We also suggest layering since the temperature in the classroom can vary.

OUR FAVORITE

Songs: "Ketchup, Ketchup, French Fries"
"Wiggle Them"
"Itsy Bitsy Spider"

Yoga Poses: "Breath of Joy"
"Rainbow"
"Yoga Shoulders"

Books: Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes
Happy Birthday Bunny
Bears and a Birthday