



**TURTLE TIDBITS
NOVEMBER, 2017**

THE TURTLE CLASSROOM HAS BEEN A BUSY PLACE THIS MONTH! WE HAVE EXPLORED VARIOUS METHODS OF FIGHTING GERMS, HAVING HEALTHY BODIES, AND PLANNING WELL-BALANCED, HEALTHY MEALS! ONE OF OUR FAVORITE EXPERIENCES WAS HAVING MIKEY'S MOTHER COME IN AND READ HER STORY ABOUT FLU SHOTS AND HAVING US EXPLORE WHAT GERMS LOOK LIKE IN A REAL MICROSCOPE! THE CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED SCHOOL THE DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING REALLY ENJOYED THEIR "FRIENDSGIVING" SNACK OF FRUIT SALAD WHICH WAS MADE WITH ALL KINDS OF FRUIT THAT FAMILIES DONATED.

THIS MONTH, WE WERE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE ANNA'S MOTHER AND OLIVER'S MOTHER COME TO READ , AND NEVILLE'S "MADRE" CAME AND READ US A BOOK THAT SHE AUTHORED, SIGNED, AND DONATED TO THE CLASS!

WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING "CHILDREN'S CHOICE" THIS WEEK. EACH CHILD IN THE CLASS GOT TO PICK A FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR TOY IN THE TURLTE ROOM TO PUT OUT DURING CHOCIE TIME THOURGHOUT THE WEEK. ON THE DAY OF THEIR 'CHOICE' CHILDREN ALSO GOT TO PICK A SONG FOR THE CLASS TO SING. WE FIND THAT THIS EMPOWERS THE CHILDREN TO HAVE SOME OWNERSHIP WITH THE CURRICULUM, AND THEY REALLY ENJOY INVITING THEIR CLASSMATES TO JOIN THEIR ACTIVITY WITH THEM.

WE HAVE FACED A COUPLE OF REALLY COLD MORNINGS LATELY. WE CHECK THE WEATHER CHANNEL AT 7:45 DAILY AND THE WEATHER MUST **FEEL LIKE 25**

DEGREES! IT IS NEVER A BAD IDEA TO HAVE YOUR CHILD PREPARED FOR THE PLAYGROUND WITH APPROPRIATE GEAR IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER WE WILL BE ON THE PLAYGROUND, BECAUSE WE DO GO OUT AT LUNCHTIME. WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT IF YOUR CHILD IS BALKING AT WEARING SNOWPANTS AND/OR BOOTS, ETC. THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU JUST BRING THEM TO SCHOOL AND WE WILL HELP YOUR CHILD TO BE SAFE AND COMFORTABLE ON THE COLD PLAYGROUND.

DURING DECEMBER, WE WILL BE USING A POM-POM JAR TO EARN "PAJAMA DAYS". WHENEVER A CHILD FILLS SOMEONE'S BUCKET BY BEING KIND OR THOUGHTFUL, OR USES THE MAGIC WORDS OF "PLEASE" OR "THANK YOU", THEY WILL GET A POMPOM TO PUT IN THE JAR. ONCE IT IS FULL, WE WILL CONTACT YOU WITH DETAILS ABOUT OUR PAJAMA DAYS.

BEFORE WINTER BREAK, WE WILL BE EXPLORING THE THEME OF NURSERY RHYMES AND FAIRY TALES.

ALI, CARRIE, MARGOT, MARY & NIKI