



## Dates to Remember:

**-May 16th-** End of the Year Conference Reports will be distributed to all families. Parent Conferences will be held the following two weeks.

(A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the classroom the week of May 21st, listing available dates and times.)

**-May 28<sup>th</sup>**-school closed for Memorial Day

## Thank you to:

-Theo's family, Jordan's family and Avery's family for the delicious birthday treats.

And to Jordan's sister and mom, Theo's brother and mom, Avery's family and Siena's mom for coming in to read stories to the class.

Now that the weather is finally warming up, we will be going back to our original pick up schedule. 11:30 pick up will be at the classroom, and the 1pm pick up will be at the playground-(weather permitting).

## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

The Armadillo children have been thoroughly enjoying our current Castle theme. The dramatic play area was transformed into our castle, complete with an area where the children have been cozying up with some favorite books. The addition of dress up clothes, necklaces, bejeweled pillows and thrones along with many props created by the children enhances the area and sparks lots of imaginary play. There, kings, queens, princesses, princes, brave knights and even dragons laugh and play while enjoying royal balls and tea parties.

At the art table, the children glued sparkly gems to create crowns and painted, glittered and stuffed a dragon. At the writing table, the children are working diligently to create a coat of arms depicting important facts the children wish to share about themselves and their families. The block area has been especially busy with children taping and building with recycled materials to create elaborate castles.

## ACTIVITIES & SKILLS:

Thanks to the generosity of the PTO, we have had two visits from the High Touch/ High Tech organization. The first visit was all about bugs. Each child had a chance to see, touch, think about, and then create all kinds of insects. The second visit was all about weather. We learned about some of the more exciting aspects of our weather, touched a lightening ball and an actual cloud, and blew on pinwheels to demonstrate strong winds. The mystery bag project has gotten off to a fantastic start. Those who have had their turn have been very excited to share their item from home and read the clues at circle time, calling on friends to try and guess what is in the bag. Those guessing are eager to share their thoughts and find out how close their guesses really are. Everyone shares in the excitement when the item is finally revealed!

## FAVORITE STORIES

- Castles by Gallimard, Jeunesse and Claude Delafosse
- King Bidgood's in the Bathtub by Audrey Wood
- The Prince Will Not Go to Bed by Dale Ann Dodds
- There's No Such Thing As a Dragon by Jack Kent

