



UPCOMING EVENTS:

We are all eagerly awaiting the first day of spring. Not only are we looking forward to the warmer weather, but that is the day our hibernating bear will awake and celebrate the coming of the new season with us!

Thank You To:

-Luke's family for the delicious birthday treats

-Connor's family for sharing yummy Valentine's Day treats

And a special thank you to all the families who participated in the exchange of valentines.

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

In anticipation of Valentine's Day, we spent a lot of time at the art table and writing table, drawing, cutting and painting hearts. As well as focusing on fine motor skills, this holiday gave us the opportunity to think about love, friendship and a sense of community in our classroom. It is always heart-warming to see how open and kind the children are toward each other. In response to how much the children enjoy sending and receiving cards, we are creating a post office in our classroom. At the writing table there are materials to write, address and stamp letters. The dramatic play area is the post office, complete with a large mailbox, delivery bags and small mailboxes for each person in the class. Please feel free to write a letter to your child and mail it here, as well as to encourage your child to write letters to friends.

ACTIVITIES and SKILLS:

The circle time discussions about our classroom community lead us to think about how we all work together and how we can help each other. The children eagerly spoke about their many talents and abilities that they would be able to use to help a friend. Putting their ideas on paper, we wrote a class book similar to the yellow pages, titled Armadillo Helpers. Each child made at least one page depicting themselves doing something they are good at, while helping a friend. The pages will be bound together to create a book that will be available in our book nook for all to refer to in time of need. Working on the book with the children, it was wonderful to see how competent and confident they are and how readily they are able to recognize each other's strengths, as well as their own.

FAVORITE STORIES and SONGS:

- I Like Me by Nancy Carlson
- Not Opposites by Linda Ragsdale
- The Valentine Bears by Eve Bunting

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I love Somebody, Yes, I Do