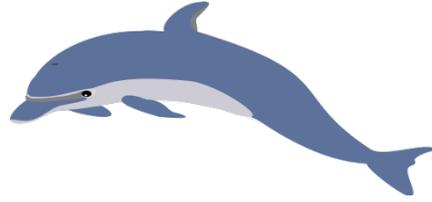


January/February 2020



Dear Dolphin Families,

The Dolphins have been having wonderful afternoons. They anticipate reading books with teachers, playing with Duplos on the floor, and being outside on the playground. They have built nice connections with each other and the teachers. On that note, we wanted to let you know that soon Olivia McCall will be stepping back from Dolphins and Dana Sullivan (a Turtle teacher) will be stepping into Dolphins. With her last Dolphin afternoon planned for Wednesday February 12, we wish Olivia all the best as she transitions towards her upcoming maternity leave. The children adore Olivia and we wanted you to be aware of this upcoming change. We are very excited to have Dana come to Dolphins with her playfully engaging personality.

We also welcomed two new friends to Dolphins, Eleanor from Turtles and Kellen from Giraffes. All of the children have been excited to play with more friends.

It is noticeable how inclusive everyone is as children can be overheard inviting friends to play. They also have been working to share play space and materials, often stating that they are waiting for a turn. Without further prompting, the children have been moving on from the desired play area in order for a friend to have a turn.

A recent favorite activity has been to create a series of coasters from magnetic ramps for gears to rush down. We have used the refrigerator to put all of the ramps up. The children have stood on a stool to place the gears in, quickly step back, and watch as they roll down each ramp to the bottom.

On the playground, there has been some collaborative work to build sandcastles that stretch across the sandbox. The children fill pail after pail with sand and flip them over in a row. After about 15-20 minutes, there is a long row of sandcastles and then the children participate in the best part. They run and smash the sandcastles or lay on their bellies to flatten all of them. Pure enjoyment lights up their faces as they laugh and giggle along the way.

Sincerely,

Shayna, Adrienne, Olivia, Margot, Sue, and Dana

