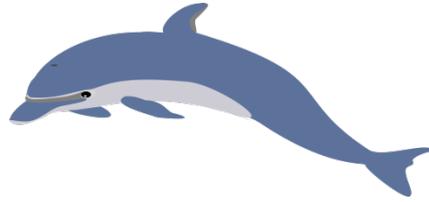


September/October 2019



Hello Dolphin Families,

The Giraffes and Turtles have made really nice connections with each other over the course of the first month of school. The Dolphins look forward to seeing their friends for the remainder of their day. They especially anticipate their time together on the playground.

We have had many exciting nature sightings outside. The children had an opportunity to watch baby snapping turtles hatch out of their eggs and make their way back to the water. They sat in a semi-circle and watched, riveted and talking about the turtles, where they were going and how the eggs were laid in the late spring. We have seen monarch butterflies migrating as the weather has begun to get cooler. The Dolphins have also observed stinkbugs, ladybugs and dragonflies. Some children have ventured so far as to let the ladybugs crawl on their hands.

At the playground kitchen, the children make a variety of meals and serve their friends and teachers. There is always pretend expensive ice cream to buy, cookies to snack on and a selection of pie. Most recently, the children built a campsite out of blocks. They used blocks to make a fire pit for preparing food, a picnic area, and they each had a sleeping bag inside of their shared tent. When not pretending to camp in the woods, there are trips in the climber. Someone takes the wheel, others buckle their seatbelts and away they go to stores, amusement parks, and sometimes the moon.

In the classroom, the children have thoroughly enjoyed building with Legos, creating many different vehicles. They have also worked together to build structures with cups, Citi blocks, and magnetic tiles. Sensory play including playdough and floam has also been enjoyed by the Dolphins. They use their fine motor strength to roll out the dough and mold it into different shapes. From there, the children make a variety of food items and offer them up for sharing among teachers and friends.

We invite you to look at the two small bulletin boards at the top of the stairs on the Mezzanine level. This is the Dolphin artwork display area and currently has pumpkins and apples that they had fun painting and leaves that they worked carefully to cut out.

Please be aware of the unpredictable New England weather patterns and send your child prepared for afternoons on the playground. A jacket and/or layers are perfect and all too soon, hats and gloves.

Sincerely,

The Dolphin Teachers

Shayna, Adrienne, Olivia, Margot, and Sue