

JANUARY 2020 GIRAFFE NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU TO:

The entire TCW community for your support! Our annual professional development day on Friday, January 17, 2020, was a wonderful day of learning together.

Our Playdough Makers: Alison P., Emily M., and Samantha H.

Teacher Pat and her wonderful visits to our classroom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Stephen, Claudia and Addie

Favorite Songs, Books, Yoga and Creative Movement

“Transportation” song, “Wheels on the Bus” song, “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” song

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Car by K. Dopirak, The Bus Is for Us! By M. Rosen, My Bike by B. Barton,

Freight Train by D. Crews

Yoga poses: cow and cat; bicycle, train, boat and windshield wiper

“Jump Jim Joe” partner dance, “Row, Row, Row your Boat” with a partner

TRANSPORTATION

It's been an exciting month in the Giraffe classroom. We've been very busy learning about different modes of transportation. Breaking it down by land, air and sea has been helping us identify how many ways people can get from one place to another. We began brainstorming and listing different kinds of transportation. In our journals the children named, and drew a picture of what they like to ride in. We used tape on the rug to create roads, their vehicles could ride on. With popsicle sticks and different sized cups, the children built their own bridges. We opened a car wash in the sensory table, and a “Mechanic's Shop” so, everyone could clean and fix vehicles. Next, we used magnetic fishing rods and sat in the rocking boat and went fishing. We also pretended ships and boats were moving on the high sea in the block area. We used a child sized pool to create the ocean. The children also used recycled materials to construct their own boats and floated them in water in the sensory table. At circle, one experiment was to see how many pennies we would need to sink a tinfoil boat into a bowl of water. The children helped count to 104! We also drew a map together, for our taxi to drive around town. We are moving onto air next. The children have started to make parachutes, which we will drop from the climber on the playground soon.

***Please help! We go outside as much as possible, even in the winter. Your child needs to have all their winter gear at school, everyday they attend. Sometimes, it's not cold enough for snow pants, yet it's muddy enough for boots. Label all your child's belongings, even initials will do. This helps to ensure his/her items don't get lost. Thank you for supporting us.**

***Parents are always welcome to come and read a story to us.**