



GIRAFFE CLASS NEWS: Sept. 25, 2020

Dear Giraffe Families,

Welcome! We are happy to share with you that the start of school is going really well. All the children are having fun and learning so many new things. Our routines consist of spending lots of time outside, either under a tent, on the playground or taking some walks near the building. In the classroom, we are grouped in pods, trying all sorts of table top activities, using the bathroom, washing hands, and joining in songs, movement and listening to stories. Your children are adjusting well and are happy with wearing their masks. They are becoming familiar with each other, being kind, and beginning to learn each other's names. For children that stay until 3 or dolphins, it is a long day, and their bodies are adjusting. Rest time is a quiet time to lie down and listen to peaceful music from 1-2 p.m. Some of the children fall fast asleep and others rest quietly. They are helping with folding up their mats and putting their sheets and blankets away. After rest, snack is offered, followed by a short time to play.

This week and for the next week or so we are focusing on "Feelings". At circle time we have read Glad Monster, Sad Monster by Ed Emberly. We have sung and danced to "Shake Your Sillies Out" with Raffi, and tried some deep calming breaths with "Mouse" and "Butterfly" yoga poses. As we are adjusting to school and being away from our families, we have all kinds of feelings. We are practicing using our words to let each other know, (and the teachers) how we feel.

Some Reminders:

- Please send in a family picture. We are hanging them up in the classroom.
- An extra pair of shoes and a second water bottle as back ups to leave at school
- Items sent from Katy's all the school list : a set of washable markers, a small box of crayons and a couple of glue sticks. These items are kept in your child's individual classroom bin, which was purchased by the TCW PTO. If you already sent items in, THANK YOU SO MUCH!
- Updated class lists and the parent directory will come from the office. It is currently being worked on by the TCW administration.

We are so appreciative of you sharing your children with us, and going on this journey with us! A fun giraffe fact: a group of giraffes is called a "Tower".

Sincerely,

Jeanne S., Olivia M., Carrie G. and Jean G., (Dominique)