



Giraffe Class News: Week of November 16 - November 20

Dear Giraffe Families,

The students had an exciting week participating and creating in activities that were family theme related! For table activities this week, the students had an opportunity to create a self portrait of themselves while looking at their picture, add googley eyes, yarn, and gems to their painted rocks to complete their 'rock family', and decorate their individual cookbook covers using watercolors. The students also worked on their pattern and grouping skills while using the rainbow people figures and our colored pattern sheets. To engage their creative imaginations, the giraffe students played out familiar scenarios or thought up new stories while using doll houses and multicultural people figures, as well as setting up blocks and driving matchbox cars around.

Everyday during circle time this week, the giraffe students started off by practicing sign language while singing and signing along to the song "the more we get together". Some engaging lessons that the children had a chance to participate in was sharing with the group some things they like to do with their families, create a class graph regarding 'how many people are in your family', decorating Elmer the patchwork elephant with colored paper and had discussions about how not all families look the same or have the same number of people in them. They also enjoyed listening to stories such as Families Around The World by Margriet Ruurs, Elmer by David McKee, Two is Enough by Janna Matthies, and How Do I Love You? by Leslie Kimmelman.

Next week is a short week and we will be continuing our Family themed curriculum! Once we are back from Thanksgiving break, we are going to focus our curriculum towards Friendship.

Friendly Reminders:

On **Wednesday, 11/25**, we will have an early release day for Thanksgiving break. Pick up will be at **11:30 AM** under the small tent (where morning drop off is). If the weather is not good, pick up will be at the stairs (where morning drop off usually is when it is not good weather). We have received many delicious family recipes! If you have not sent yours in yet, please email them to Dominique at dominique_gonsalves@waylandps.org

Sincerely,

Olivia, Jeanne, Dominique, and Carrie