



Giraffe Class News: Week of December 7 - December 11

Dear Giraffe Families,

We wanted to say a big thank you to all of our families for taking time to meet with us during Parent/Teacher conferences!

The Giraffe students have had a busy week of learning, exploring, and creating! Activities are always a fun way for the students to express their creative sides and form conversations with classmates about what they are doing. This week the children had an opportunity to decorate the outline of their hand on a piece of paper using watercolors. At the end of the week we cut them all out and they were able to choose where they wanted to place their colorful handprint on a wreath. The 'Friendship Wreath' is hung up in the classroom to help remind us how working together to complete a task is a wonderful thing! The teachers also wrote down the students words when they were asked how they can be a good friend to others. The children then drew their scenario to show their ways. Other table activities that the Giraffe class explored were getting messy with finger paints, building and constructing with magnet tiles, working on letter recognition using our 'Mat Man' letter sheets and blocks, and conducting an experiment by mixing baking soda and vinegar to produce a bubbly volcano! Something new and exciting this week was our first music class with Teacher Pat! The children had a fun time engaging and singing along as a class to some new songs :).

Everyday, during circle time this week, the giraffe students started off by clapping, stomping, or tapping out the sounds of each student's name. There were many discussions about taking care of friends, making kind choices towards others, and how everyone has emotions and feelings that may differ from others or be the same. Some engaging books that we read were Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang, Whoever You Are by Mem Fox, Boy + Bot by Ame Dyckmen, and Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle. This week, the children were introduced to the concept of a 'Warm Fuzzies' jar. We explained to the students that by showing or doing acts of kindness towards others such as helping out, following directions, or listening to others gives us happy feelings on the inside. The class earned many 'warm fuzzy' pom poms in the jar this week!

Next week we will continue our theme of Friendship and also focus more on giving back to others/ acts of kindness as the holiday season is upon us!

Friendly Reminders:

Our winter outside schedule has begun! For morning drop off, you will bring your child to the stairs everyday from this point on. There is no need for the children to wear their snow pants in the morning, as we will be going right up to the classroom once dropped off.

We would also like to remind parents to please wait at the bottom of the stairs outside, while another parent is dropping off their child to help reduce the amount of people in the front foyer area and foot traffic. Safety and Covid precautions are still in place. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Olivia, Jeanne, Dominique, and Carrie