



Giraffe Class News: Week of September 28 - October 2

Dear Giraffe Families,

The Giraffe students have had a busy week of exploring, learning, and creating! As we continued our theme of ‘feelings’ over the week, the students had opportunities to recognize and discuss various types of emotions within themselves or with others. During circle time, the class participated in fun games of “Simon Says” (facial expression version) or “If You’re Happy and You Know it” (emotions version). They listened to stories such as Have You Filled a Bucket Today?: A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids by Carol McCloud and The Way I Feel by Janan Cain. Afterwards, the giraffe class had a discussion on ways to promote kindness and happiness throughout the day with ourselves and classmates, or ways we might feel and react to in certain situations that are presented to us.

Activities are always a fun way for the students to express their creative side and form conversations with classmates about what they are doing. During table choice times throughout the week, the giraffe students could be found building with wooden city blocks and small people figures; feeling and shaping kinetic sand with their hands or other utensils; gluing leaves, flowers, and sticks onto paper for a nature collage; being silly with various faces on a Mr. Potato Head; or gluing foam shapes onto a colorful, shapes head to produce a “feelings shape monster”.

With Fall already in full swing, the giraffe class will be moving their focus from feelings to leaves, apples, and pumpkins within the next couple of weeks!

Friendly Reminders (if you have not done so yet):

- Family photo
- Student’s supply: glue sticks, crayons, and washable markers
- Extra water cups

Sincerely,

Olivia, Jeanne, Carrie, Jean, and Dominique