



# PANDA POST 🐾🐾🐾 FEB/MARCH, 2020



## PANDA HAPPENINGS

We have had a smooth transition back into school after February vacation. Keep washing those hands and getting rid of those germs! We are learning the "Wash Your Hands" song while the children clean their hands throughout the day. (Please see song below.) We are also increasing the amount of times we wash hands and the teachers are sanitizing the room even more after hours.

Valentine's Day brought about our friendship and Post Office theme. Before and after vacation, the Pandas learned how to send a note to a friend in the classroom. Each child sent a postcard to a friend or family member, we hope everyone received theirs! We also read many books about what postal workers do and how letters travel. They might be interested in going to the Post Office with you the next time you go, or receiving a letter from you in the mail.

We then had our good friend Pete the Cat visit our classroom for a couple of weeks. He helped us count buttons and cupcakes, revisit our colors while playing memory games, and go over what to do when something doesn't go our way. The classroom even made a picture book which features each student doing a fun activity with Pete the Cat.

Our next thematic unit is dinosaurs. I expect you will be hearing much about dinosaurs in the next coming weeks!

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Dear Panda Families,

Thank you for everything this school year! As I leave to welcome my own child, I want to say how much I have appreciated working with and teaching the great minds of all the panda students. All of the families have been so caring and welcoming this year, and I will miss you all! I will be sending the team pictures and updates that they can share with all of you. I hope to visit a few times with the baby as I know all the children are so excited! Best of luck with the remaining of the school year.

Best,  
Olivia

## FROM a HOT CHOCOLATE STAND to a POST OFFICE to the DINO DINER

Dramatic play is an important part of our curriculum. Whether children are "writing" each other postcards and letters, "making" hot chocolate, or "cooking" for each other," they are encouraged to put themselves into someone else's role. Role-playing leads to developing important social skills such as empathy, encourages expressive language and allows them the opportunity to create and use symbolism as they pretend (for example, a piece of paper is money). Children are encouraged to use their imagination, create a plan, organize, problem solve, and negotiate with peers. As the children enjoy themselves role playing they are actively involved in the important work of early childhood!!

## "WASH YOUR HANDS"

(to the tune of "Row Your Boat")  
Wash, wash, wash your hands,  
soap will make them clean,  
scrub the germs 'til they fall off,  
germs go down the drain.

## THANK YOU TO...

Calvin's Dad, Geoff, for making play dough  
All our Valentines, for the Valentine hugs and treats

## OUR FAVORITE:

Stories: Pete The Cat and the Missing Cupcakes  
Pete The Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons  
Mail Carriers

Songs: The Wheels On The Bus  
Yoga: Cat

