



Dear Turtle Families,

December 6, 2018

Happy December! The class is very much enjoying learning about castles, knights, dragons and other mystical creatures. We love singing our outside song "All Around the Castle", especially ending with a big roar! During circle, students have listened to such stories as "Not your Typical Dragon," "Dragons Love Tacos," "Take Care, Good Knight," and "The Bravest Knight." Students helped to turn the loft into a fun play-castle by painting "rocks." Some of our favorite themed activities have been coloring crowns, building shape castles, playing with dragons and unicorns, searching for treasure in the water table, in shaving cream and in silly putty!

Next, we will learn about Children Around the World and all different kinds of families. We will be defining a family as a group of people that take care of each other. Please feel free to send in pictures of your family for us to hang up in the classroom. We also welcome you to read a favorite family story or even cook with us (or send in) a family food! Please let one the teachers know if you would like to come in and we would be happy to make it work! When we return from Winter break, we will have children's choice week. Each student will be able to choose an activity that they would like us to put out during the week. We can't wait to see what they choose!

Thank you for dressing your Turtles warmly in the mornings! Please send in all winter gear each day so we can be outside whenever possible! Be sure to label all items so we can be sure that each student returns home with their gear. Due to the colder weather, we would also appreciate if each child could bring in extra socks, long sleeve shirts and pants for us to keep in their clothes bins. We check the temperature each morning at 7:50 am and if it 'feels like 20*' or above we will start our day outside. We use THE WEATHER CHANNEL app, please feel free to ask us what it looks like if you are not sure.

We hope you and your families enjoy the holiday season with lots of love, laughter and fun! Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Ali, Niki, Dominique, Carrie and Johnny