

Dear Turtle Families,

We are having a lot of fun exploring ways to keep our bodies healthy. We have learned and read stories about washing our hands, covering our coughs and sneezing in our elbows, exercising, resting and eating healthy foods. Our circle song is "Germ Attack" which is becoming a fast favorite. Some of our circle books have been reread many times such as "Sick Simon," "Bear Feels Sick," and "Little Pea."

During choice time, we have created a doctor's office in the loft complete with bandages, shots and stethoscopes. Students have been taking turns being doctors, following a list of things to examine during a check-up. Underneath the loft, students played with puppets, helping them take care of their bodies. As a group we have been really interested in art and writing center projects including blowing paint with straws, water bead painting, making your own germ and painting with broccoli. Another very popular center has been our sensory table which has featured silly putty and make your own volcano. Students created the volcanoes in test tubes by scooping baking soda and then using pipettes to add in colored vinegar to make some very colorful reactions! We will now transition to a new unit learning about castles, dragons, kings and queens after Thanksgiving.

On Wednesday November 21st we are celebrating "fruits-giving". We ask each student to bring in 1 piece of fruit (only enough for 2 students please). The class will then cut the fruit and combine it all together for snack. The school will have early dismissal at 11:30. The Turtle class will meet their grown-ups outside at the ramp of the senior center located at the end of the Town Building. You can stay in your car and pull up to the ramp and we will bring your Turtle to you! We hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving.

Can't believe it already snowed! Please continue to send your child to school with all of their snow gear so they can stay warm on the playground! We make the determination of going outside to the playground at 7:50 each morning using The Weather Channel App. If the "Feels Like" temperature is above 20 degrees, we will be outside, so please send your Turtle prepared for the weather.

Thanks for sharing your children with us!

Ali, Niki, Dominique, Carrie and Johnny