



Dear Turtle Families,

It has been a wonderful start to the year in the Turtle Room! We have been busy exploring the classroom and making new friends. We have all loved beginning our mornings on the playground. The Turtles have been building giant structures with the blocks, creating mountains and volcanoes in the sandbox, and testing out their skills on the monkey bars. ***As the weather gets cooler, be sure to pack some extra layers for your Turtle every morning!*** Even when we don't start outside in the morning, we are usually able to get outside in the afternoon. So even if we start inside, please send your Turtle to school with the proper outer gear.

This month, we talked about how to be a good friend and how to be kind to others. We read the book "Fill A Bucket" which explains how to fill someone's "invisible bucket" by doing and saying kind things. The children have worked hard to remember one another's names and practice our greeting game. They have loved giving different kinds of greetings to their friends while using their names. We sent home a sheet of photos and names of the Turtle Class, let us know if you'd like another copy. We have been working hard at taking turns and sharing with our friends. At the sensory table, we have loved getting messy with silly putty, "magic fluff", and play dough. A favorite location in the classroom was the Ice Cream Shop in the loft area. As we get further into the Autumn season, we'll be talking about apples, leaves, farms, and pumpkins!

We would like to extend a big "Thank You" to everyone who came to Back to School Night! It was great having some time to discuss what our Turtle Day looks like with all of you. We are loving getting to know your children and are thankful that you share them with us every day! On Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be having teacher conferences. Please sign up using the online form. This is a great chance to talk with the Turtle teachers about your child. If the times and days on the sign up don't work for you, please reach out to us. We would be happy to find a time to meet that works! If you have any questions or anything you'd like to talk with us about please feel free to reach out through email.

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Happy Fall!

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