



Dear Turtle families,

It has been a busy month in the Turtle Room! We began the month talking about farms, apples, and pumpkins. The children have loved sharing about their own experiences like apple picking and pumpkin carving. We enjoyed an apple taste test, making our own apple sauce, and exploring the insides of a big pumpkin. On Pumpkin Patch day, we loved getting a chance to play games, eat some delicious apples, and bring home our very own pumpkins! In the classroom we loved listening to stories such as “The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin”, “How many seeds in a Pumpkin?” and “Seed, Sprout, Pumpkin Pie”. At circle time, we worked on counting and comparing numbers such as pumpkin seeds and pumpkin shapes. This month we had our first Community Sing! The Turtles were very proud to show off their movements and singing to the “Five Little Pumpkins” to the rest of the school. We are also excited to have our new teacher, Maria in the Turtle Room with us! She will be with us in the Turtle Room until Ali comes back from her maternity leave. The students are loving getting to know her and playing with her in the classroom and on the playground!

Recently, we have been talking about germs and how to stay healthy! As a class we have been working hard on covering our mouths when we cough or sneeze and washing our hands throughout the day. The children have loved creating their own germs out of model magic, at the art easel, with watercolors, and at the writing center. We have all laughed as we read some silly stories like “Sick Simon” and “Monsters Don’t Eat Broccoli!”. One of our favorite parts of this theme has been our outside circle song “Germ Attack”. The kids love singing this song all day long and practicing the movements that go along with it. Be sure to ask your Turtle about this fun song! Up next, we will be talking about families and the people we care about. ***If you would like to come into the Turtle Room as a mystery reader or special guest, please let us know!***

With the very cold weather officially here, ***please remember to dress your Turtle warmly every morning!*** We do our best to get outside every day! If we start our day inside, we are often able to get out onto the playground before lunch. Also, keep in mind ***we will start on the playground if the “feels like” temperature on the Weather Channel App is 20 degrees or above at 7:45am.***

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to email us!

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Stay warm!

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