

HAPPENINGS

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Thankful Feast

Students enjoyed a "Thanksgiving" Lunch on Friday Nov. 17th!!! For the last two weeks, children were talking about what they are thankful for and made hats and decorated place mat names that symbolized Thanksgiving. The atmosphere and set-up was so colorful and memorable and the yummy lunch!



Classroom Happenings:

Toddlers: In the month of November our students were taught that they are loved by their parents, and that they have to love them in return. We talked about brothers, sisters and grandparents who love them. We got the students to say "Thank you mummy" and "Thank you daddy" for all that they do for them. We also talked about the "Thanksgiving Feast" and how families gather round to celebrate. The "fall" season and the changes in the environment were discussed with the students. Students helped in putting up a Thankful Tree in the classroom.

Primary 1: The children were entertained by a 15 minute video story about a dog that saved a little baby from fire. Students were taught that being kind to animals can be of a huge advantage to human beings. The students got excited sharing what they heard after we talked about Whales. Students learned that the blue whale is the largest animal in the world and all whales are mammals. They also made a blue whale for art project. The class discussed what it was like to be a Native American child during the First Thanksgiving and then compare it to the way things are today. They realized how much better their lives are now than the early settlers had. Children learned how to be Thankful for being highly favored in every area. The class will have fun role playing different situations such as: being gentle, taking turns, respecting others and table manners.

Primary 2: Dolphins are one of the smartest sea animals. They have known to help people by saving them from drowning. Blue whales are considered to be the biggest animal. They can grow up to 100 feet long. The class watched videos of dolphins and whales. They are not fish they are mammals and they feed their babies with milk. Native Americans life began thousands of years ago. The early Native Americans live by hunting animals and gathering wild plants for food. Thanksgiving feast was really a harvest feast held in 1621. The English settlers and Indians ate a big meal. The class made thankful hats and wore them on Harvest Feast and also made a thankful tree.

Primary 3: With our Thanksgiving and Native American unit we've been thinking about how lucky we are and grateful for all that we have. We learned that the pilgrims had such a hard life. We talked about and acted out what it might be like to be on the crowded mayflower ship. The Kinder group had to figure out 5 things they would take on the ship. It was a very difficult decision. The children are thankful for Squanto and for teaching people to plant corn and use a fish as fertilizer. Men and boys had to guard the corn fields at night to protect them from wolves that came to try to dig up the fish used as fertilizer. The children are so glad to not be living during that time period.

Importance of outside play

There are so many good reasons why young children should spend time outdoors - as much as possible! Not only is the outdoors the best place for children to practice and master emerging physical skills, but it's also the place where children are likely to burn the most calories, which helps prevent obesity (a problem of escalating proportions in our society). Also, the outside light stimulates the pineal gland, which is the part of the brain that helps regulate our "biological clock," is vital to the immune system, and makes us feel happier. Outside light also triggers the synthesis of vitamin D. And a number of studies have demonstrated that it increases academic learning and productivity. These are just some of the reasons why recess is so important!

Upcoming School Holidays:

Monday, December 25th - Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 26th - Day after Christmas
Monday, January 1st - New Year's Day

We would greatly appreciate if you would let us know of your holiday plans and when your child will not be at the school. This allows staff to take time off. With appreciation!!

Sincere Thank you

Thank you to all parents who always donate stuff to the school. We really appreciate your kindness.

Have a Great Thanksgiving, enjoy with your families, be safe and eat right!! We are thankful for having wonderful families in our school!!!