



Dear Matisse Parents,

First and foremost, we would like to extend a warm thanks to all of the fathers who took time out of their busy schedules to attend our Valentine celebration. It is such a wonderful thing to have so many parents involved in our classroom community. February is a time to show our love and kindness to others. The children have been practicing by giving compliments to their friends.

We have been learning about Asia this month. We have counted from 1- 10 in Chinese and Hindi (the official language of India). We thank Kayla and Manav for helping Miss Stiers get the pronunciation correct! We have also been push pinning Asian animals such as the Bengal tiger and the giant panda.

Our next music session, with Mrs. Troum begins in early March. In the mean time, we have been listing to some fantastic 50's rock and roll. The children have had a great time singing oldies like Lollypop, Great Balls of Fire and The Hand Jive. We have had a wonderful time using our new instruments purchased from the annual fund. Thanks again!

We are currently busy preparing for the art show; the children are very excited to show off their artistic talents. They are making self portraits and will have about three pieces of art to showcase. We also found a new Matisse alphabet book, which we will study for ideas.

We are consistently impressed by our Matisse friends. They are hard workers and kind friends. We are looking forward to the spring and all of the strides they will make in their learning.

In Music our new instruments arrived and we are so excited to start using our bells, rhythm sticks, drum, xylophone and resonator bars. Thank you to all the parents who contributed as the children will now be able to practice their pitch and rhythm with the wonderful Musikgarten program songs and music.

Kindergarten Pod Focus

Language pod: In language pod we are studying singular and plural words. What words need an -s, -es or even -evs? It can be tricky, but they are doing great.

Science Pod: In Science pod we have begun our study of Botany. We started with the parts of a leaf and leaf rubbing. We will continue to dive into the wonderful world of plants for the next couple of weeks.

Math Pod: Clocks, clock everywhere! We are working on time journals and learning to tell time. The children have their own clocks which they practice with daily.

Book Club: The kindergartners have been taking an exciting journey into the Arctic with the Magic School Bus. We have explored the different types of animals found in the Arctic such as caribou, sea lions, and polar bears. We are working on creating an Arctic story of our own! Stay tuned!

With Kindness,

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