



Dear Pollock Parents,

January 28, 2010

The last couple of months have brought us many changes; a new year, weather changes, a new subject to study and two new friends in the classroom.

Happy New Year to you all, we hope that your holiday was joyful and we welcome you and your children back to school.

Our weather, for some dreadful, for others delightful, has given us a great opportunity for learning. Ms. Hinkle has been sharing a “weather window” with the children in which we change the picture to fit the weather we have for the day. Our cold and blustery days offered us a chance to have an ice skating day. The children delighted in gliding around the room on paper plate skates.

On some of our very rainy cold days we were unable to go to the playground but instead took walks in which we crept, stomped and tiptoed around the animals in the rainforest.

Just before the holiday break we enjoyed presentations on both Kwanza and Hanukkah celebrations. Thank you to Adam’s family for sharing their celebrations. The children were able to sample potato latkes with applesauce and sour cream for Hanukkah as well as corn muffins and creating a weaving mat for Kwanza.

Our Peacekeeper of the Week has begun and is a big hit. The children enjoy sharing their ‘favorites’ and it is fun to talk about what we have in common. We already have children requesting a turn.

Our unit on North America has ended and we are preparing for a unit on the human body.

Meanwhile, we are all hard at work practicing our life skills: using kind words, including everyone when we play, whispering while we work and looking into each others eyes when we are speaking, in addition to the ever present ...push in your chair, wash your hands, put your work away and hang up your coat.

We would also like to welcome Molly, who started in January and Kaden who has been visiting and will officially start March 1st. They are already making friends.

Kindergarten Pod Focus

Science Pod

In science pod we are finishing our unit on Zoology. We have worked on life cycles and food chains and webs. Our next unit starting at the end of this month will be Botany, the study of plants.

Language Pod

During December our Kindergarten friends made sight word key chains. Each key chain had 100 sight words for them to practice at home and at school. They also learned sight words in the Montessori environment and played a street sign sight word map game.

Book Pod

The Kindergartners still meet every Friday to gather for a relaxing book pod. We are currently reading The Magic School Bus series, a favorite of all the children! We are strengthening recognition of characters and of plot. The Magic School Bus series provides interesting facts that the children can write down and illustrate. Remember, reading truly enhances your child's world and imagination!

With Friendship,

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