



Dear Parents,

Thank You to everyone that helped makes our Valentine's Day so special! It was a wonderful morning filled with crafts and a delicious snack! The children really enjoyed having Dad's and Grandpa's visit and even a few moms. It was nice for the teachers to step back and watch the children interact with their family members.

Over the last few weeks, we have started a unit on the human body with a focus on the five senses. In addition to learning the sign language symbol for each of the senses, the children have also participated in the following activities.

Smell: The children sampled various scents and graphed their favorites. The classroom favorite was interestingly enough onion powder!

Taste: The children had the opportunity to test their pallets with a few different foods like pretzels, sour patch kids, dark chocolate, and some frosting. That was a very fun experiment!

Touch: At line time, we passed around a few objects with different textures like soft, hard, rough, and smooth.

Hearing: The children had a lesson on pairing sounds with the bells! This was challenging for the children to distinguish each note.

Seeing: We identified 7 shades of blue and graded them from darkest to lightest followed by a painting activity in which the children added small amounts of white paint to the blue to create similar graded shades.

Over the next two weeks, we plan to close our unit with a focus on hygiene and nutrition!

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 Friendship,

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