

December 1, 2022

Dear Sprout Families,

Can you believe that it is the last month of the year? Wow how fast time goes. Thank you all for coming to the Fall Conference. It was great being able to sit down and talk to everyone.

In the month of November we had fun learning about different seats and practicing our manners. At circle time we read books about seats and how to use our manners. Here are a few of the books we read- **There's a Bear on My Chair, Bears on Chairs, The Peas Say a Please, and Bear Says Thanks.** We also sang the Thank You song and the Open Shut Them song.

In the classroom, we brought in different seats that the baby dolls could use to sit in. We had two strollers, two carriers and a highchair. They all had fun taking the babies for a walk around the room and up and down the hallway. We also did a lot of sitting on the comfy chair and couch.

During the first few weeks of the month during art time we made different seats, looked at pictures of seats and drew them and made a picture collage of all the seats we have at home. At the end of the month we made projects that went with the book Bear Says Thanks. They made each of the foods that Bear's animal friends brought for the feast. We also made a special friendship soup on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. They all brought in a different ingredient, helped make the soup up, and we each tried a little bite. Some of us liked it and some were not so sure.

They all did a great job practicing their manners. Most of the time they used them on their own but sometimes we did have to give them reminders.

Here is a few things each of the sprouts enjoyed during November-

Fletcher would put all the babies in the highchair and tell them, "Feed you all. Watch Dino Ranchr."

Nell carried the baby in the carrier all around the room. She would swing it and say, "It okay."

Grey did a great job singing our circle time songs and doing the hand motions. He would have a big smile on his face when he was done singing.

Olive really, really enjoyed having all the stuffed animals in the story "Bear Says Thanks." Her favorite animal was the bear. Every time she saw it would get so excited.

Lillian would put two babies in the carrier and tell us, "Bye. Go home."

Zadie looked at all the seat pictures at art time and told us, "I have dose at home."

Caleb had fun walking up and down the hallway giving the babies a ride on the stroller. He would smile and laugh as he was pushing it.

Poppy also liked walking around the school and room with the stroller. She would point to the baby and say, "My baby. My baby."

Landon would lay on the couch and enjoy how comfortable it was to look at a book. He always had a big smile on his face.

It was a great month getting to know all the different seats and using our manners. We can't wait to see what exciting things we will explore and do next month.

In December we will be exploring different papers and the presents you can wrap with the paper. They will use paper in many ways each day. Ripping paper in little pieces and off packages is a great way for them to explore the different textures of the paper. In the classroom, we have observed the sprouts making marks on paper, tearing paper and using paper products during everyday routines.

As we study paper the sprouts will develop language and literacy skills as they talk about the different types of paper and how they use them; social skills as they create art with paper alongside our friends; fine-motor skills as they tear paper and cognitive skills as they explore, attend to and engage in activities using paper.

At circle time we will be reading about a paper star and the different ways it is being used. We are also going to be reading about presents that we get at Christmas time and how we tear the paper off of it. The songs we will be singing will be the Rock Paper Scissor song, practicing our sing-along songs and the Presents under the Tree song. Art time we will make different paper projects and crafts for the holidays. In the room we will be playing with cardboard toys and having paper to explore in our sensory bin and dress-up area.

Something you can do at home is go on a paper hunt and find what paper you have at home. You may need to watch them around any Christmas presents

since we will be wrapping and unwrapping boxes at school. It's so tempting.

It's going to be a fun month playing with paper and seeing all the different holiday decorations and projects. We can't wait to see what new adventures we will have next month.

The sprouts would like to give Zadie a fond farewell, she will be moving to the Bud room this December. We know you will have great adventures. We would like to welcome Townes from the Big Seed room. We can't wait to get to know you!

Thank you once again for coming to Fall Conferences. It is really nice to see everyone without any distractions. Here are a few reminders for the month-

- Check to make sure your Sprout has plenty of weather appropriate extra clothes.
- Monday, December 19th is the Sing-Along at 5:45
- We are closed December 23rd and 26th

Thank you. If you have any questions or concerns please come and talk to us. Have a wonderful December and a very Merry Christmas.

Teresa, Amy and Nana Julie