

Upcoming Events

Winter Break:

December 22 through
January 5

Happy Holidays

Kid Quotes

After reading Gerald McDermott's *Anansi*, we asked the T/Th class what special talents they would like to have.

Liam: "tow-truck power"

Hiram: "spy gadget power"

Nora D.: "light power"

Otis: "X-ray vision"

Jack: "storm power"

Vivian: "princess power"

Sigrid: "unicorn power; makes rainbows and camouflage"

Riley: "Red power"

Gleb: "lightning"

Denali: "Malificent power— make clouds of green smoke when she's angry"

Daniel: "dump truck power"

Nora F. "flying"

Elias: "lightning"

Ella: "all of them"

Letter from the teachers:

This month in preschool we've enjoyed stories and activities related to winter (we hope it is not all gone!); light (we're looking forward to more of it!) and holidays (always exciting). Thinking snowmen, one project involved white circles, scraps of colorful paper, and small black circles. Some very creative 'snow characters' were created. Imagining what it would be like if the climbing room were a skating rink, we used Kleenex boxes for skates and large plastic sheeting for the ice. Dancers whirled and leaped, while the 'zamboni' gracefully rolled among them! We even had some lively hockey action with foam sticks and balls.

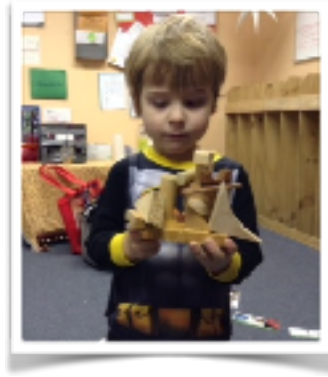
Light has been an active part of dramatic play as well as explorations at the light table. (If you'd like to make your own light table at home, put a string of lights into a clear container for this effect.) Preschool in the dark found the climbing room full of night creatures who used various lights to explore their environment and interact with others. Solstice stories from several cultural sources have been shared and received repeat requests, as children imagine folktales behind the diminished daylight this time of year.

Next week we will complete and wrap a preschool tradition, gift to send to each family, as well as gingerbread cooking in the last few days before our holiday break. However you celebrate this holiday season, we hope it involves just the right measure of relaxation and excitement, and some memory making moments with children of all ages.

We will see you back at preschool in 2018!



December Collage



Kid Quotes (Part 2)

Juniper (looking at a dinosaur book): "I know why he's called T-Rex! Because he wrecks things."

Nora F. (holding a mealworm: "When I touch them they curl up like a mystery."

Mason: "I'm smelling the different-shaped smell molecules on this orange."

Esme (pretending to be an injured fox at clean-up time): "...as I suppose, with no arms and no legs, I just won't be able to do any of those things."

THANK YOU * SPASIBO * GRACIAS * GUNALCHEESH * TAKK * SALAMAT *

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Many thanks this month to:

Naomi Travis (Liam's mom), for once again heading up the pie sale.

Selena Hanvold (Elias' mom) for setting it up at Foodland/IGA

All the amazing pie makers.

Tana O'Leary (Mason's mom) and Ana Spado (Matteo's mom) for hosting *another* book fair to benefit preschool.

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