

Dear Parents,

This week we finished reading “The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me,” and the book ends with a sentence that Room 4 found significant and especially meaningful. “No book ever ends when it’s full of your friends.” The Roald Dahl novels continue to introduce us to characters that become our friends as we share in adventures together.

I love the kids’ enthusiasm and excitement for books. The kids were anxious for me to announce the next book that we were going to read together. One child said, “I was trying to be like ninja and sneak over to your teacher bag to see if it was in there.” It is another Roald Dahl novel that isn’t as popular as some of the others, but we already relate so well to the theme of friendship, love, and helping others. Ask your kiddo the title of the book, what is tricky about it, and how it relates to the story.

We continue to practice telling time and refer to the clock as we follow our daily schedule. Our classroom clock has been modified a bit by adding the minute numbers (in increments of 5) to help us as we become more familiar with reading an analog clock. We also added a digital clock to our classroom, but we didn’t use any batteries to make it work. Ask your child what we used as a power source. (Hint: I had to stop by the produce section of a grocery store to get what we needed.)

This week we completed the Van Gogh diorama activity with Ms. Bia’s class. It was great to collaborate with them and share our creativity. It also reinforced something we always discuss when it comes to art...people can look at the same piece of art, but can see different things and feel differently about it. Each artist had different ideas, they took various approaches, each final project was unique, yet the dioramas were based on the same painting.

We have collected almost 200 books for our Bernie’s Book Bank book drive. We are still hoping to reach our goal of 500 books, so please encourage your friends and neighbors to donate!

Thank you for helping to make our Holiday Program so special. Seeing our kids on stage filled my heart with pride, and being surrounded by our family and friends exemplifies what is really important about this time of year.

Notes:

- Be sure to read the Parent Notes that you receive from the office. There are many important dates and exciting events coming up.

- Please be sure your child brings weather-appropriate outerwear to school. (If your child wears boots to school, please also send a pair of gym shoes.) Also, please make sure everything is labeled with his/her initials or name.
- Many of you have asked me if there is anything we need or want for our classroom. I have asked the kids for their input, and I'm in the process of putting together a Room 4 Wish List.

As always, please feel free to call, email, or text me with any questions or concerns.

Have a great weekend!

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