



Hello Dragonfly families,

January has proven to be a great month in the Dragonfly community! Lately, I have had more opportunities to observe and witness the older children offering help to the younger children. At the moment, our community can enjoy the perfect balance of age groups with six 5-year-olds, six 4-year-olds and six 3-year-olds. I am so grateful for the families that have been so dedicated to the three year program. These experienced children are such great role models for the younger children in our communities. One of the afternoon routines is to pick a job to care for the classroom after the nappers lie down. It is exciting to see how they take such pride in these jobs to care for their classroom. They are extremely self-motivated and work quietly, careful not to wake the nappers. Then, we usually work as a group on learning something new. A few examples are: learning about money, researching individual continents, and making calendars for the New Year. We have been also trying out different art techniques that we display on the wall outside the classroom.

In the morning work period, each of your children have enjoyed preparing and serving tea to a friend, cracking and eating mixed nuts, studying various rocks and minerals and building patterns with the prism blocks. Some readers have been making bread by following a recipe and then we serve it up in the afternoon when the nappers can join us. They have been building with the new brown stair, combining it with the pink tower cubes and binomial and trinomial cubes.

We are now at the halfway mark of the school year. You may want to tally your volunteer hours to see where you are at and please let me know if you are in need a volunteer hours. I will need a few parents to help out with the Valentine's Day celebration. We would like parents or grandparents to come listen to readers (this can be done inside the classroom without a background check) and can give you a window into your child's work. We also have some tables that need to be refinished badly. Our backyard space needs some TLC and I would like to prepare it for planting in the spring. Many thanks to parents that have helped in many ways already. I am grateful to the group of parents working so hard on the auction and look forward to attending this big fundraiser.

Peace,

Lea and Barbara