

Classroom IV News-Winter 2009/10

In classroom IV we have a tradition that we draw names from a basket and whoever you pick, you will make something for them for our classroom holiday celebration. You can sew, cook, write a story, make jewelry, puppets, and ornaments. You can make masks and God's eyes. And for you, you can make a pomander. A pomander is an orange with cloves in it. You hang it up in your closet or anywhere you want and it smells good. Families donated items for the children at the Manchester Daycare Center. We wrapped them then Lauren, Brenda, Caili, Jamie, Ms. T. and I went to the Manchester Center to drop off the gifts. We sang the children a holiday carol and went back to school. When we got to school we were ready to give our presents. Everybody was so excited that we couldn't stand still! Finally, we gave our gifts. This is called 'Secret Giving'. We had a great time!

-Serena Hutchens

One day we got trout. The three classes in lower elementary take turns taking care of the fish by rotating every week. It is a project that the third graders are doing. We test the water to make sure it is safe for the fish. The things that we tested had very weird names like nitrates, nitrites, ammonia, and PH. If it is not safe we have to change the water. Eventually when the trout get bigger, we will release them into the wild.

-Jamie Bradley

Snow is fun but sometimes can delay certain things. For schools they call that snow days. Some of the children like to play in the snow during playtime but when they come back in, their clothes are usually wet. One child had an idea to put on a snowsuit.

Snowball fights are allowed but Ms. Balsam says to only throw at the legs or the back. Some of the things that we enjoy doing in the snow are sledding, building snowmen, and making little snow forts.

-Drew Whitley

Third years in classroom IV have enjoyed Junior Great Books. On Mondays, they are read the story out loud, given a writing assignment and words to look up. Your child should have his/her words and assignment done by the end of the week. Your child should have their Junior Great Book back at school on Mondays and Fridays. If your child has not looked up their words for JGB by the end of the week, they will receive a vocabulary list after story discussion. Please make sure your child finishes looking up their words. JGB will give your child creativity and imagination. We hope your child is more educated by this wonderful series of books (stories).

-Lauren Dotson

Last December we went to the FAAB and watched plays that Ms. Nancy Jones (Madeleine's Mom) and the U.K. theatre students performed. They acted out myth plays. They performed an African, Asian, and a Native American myth. I think that they had good costumes and the props were good too, so were the plays.

-Max Wilson

On February 10th at 9:30, a puppeteer named Hobey came to perform a puppet show called "Animalia". The puppets in the show were all sorts of animals. The crane, I thought was really neat because of how he made it fly. One thing I didn't know was the way he made it eat fish. He told us after the show that he had a plastic fish already in the crane's mouth. He used puppets in many different ways. He wore some, he used wires for some, and he made his own with his hands.

-Caili Harris

Jamie's Mom, Ms. Bradley, came to our school and did statistics lessons with us. She did three things (experiments) with us. We did vanilla wafer tasting, coin flipping, and measuring. I like everything!

-Cynan Hellmann

Lots of people came to the Breakfast Café on Thursday, February 11th. It was on the same day we celebrated Valentine's Day. The food was good and a lot of people came to it and had a good time. Some people thought the food and being with their family was fun. Others thought it was fun spending time with their friends or giving Valentines out in our classroom. Some people just like everything!

-Williams Atkinson