



# The Comets' Comments

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## VIP DAY!

The Comets were thrilled to invite and have their Very Important People come to Gillen Brewer. In order to prepare for this exciting day the Comets made picture frames and placemats to give to their guests. The placemats were covered with favorite photographs from this year. We then took a vote and decided unanimously that we wanted to show off the Letter Puppets. Together we made a movie of the Letter Puppets. Each Comet chose his or her favorite Letter

Puppet to introduce. The class was very proud of its movie and it was definitely a hit with the VIPs. We enjoyed a special pizza lunch together and then showed off our favorite toys and activities in the room.

Thank you to all of the VIPs for making this day so memorable for the Comets!



## Quiet Choice

Quiet Choice is an activity that occurs each day after lunch. The Comets begin Quiet Choice with drawing and reading. After about ten minutes, teachers provide the students with different games to play. Each child chooses the game or activity that he would like to join. The choices are typically games that have been introduced in reading and math

groups. Sometimes Comets choose to play a counting syllable game, while others really enjoy playing Go Fish. This is a special time in the day where teachers have the opportunity to work closely with smaller groups of children as they continue to build and develop their skills.



# Social Studies: Our Families

This month the Comets have been very busy learning about their families. Our study began by graphing all of the people in each Comet's family. We discovered that some Comets have brothers, while others have sisters or no siblings at all. In order to understand what it means to have a brother or sister, we learned that it means you have the same mommy and/or daddy. Each Comet had the opportunity to share photographs of her family members and then make her very own photo album. The class loved hearing about all of the wonderful memories that each photograph captured. Our family study ended with discussing roles and responsibilities of each family member. Some of the class's favorite books from this unit were *The Family Book* by Todd Parr and *What Mommies Do Best* and *What Daddies Do Best* by Laura Numeroff.



## Mark Your Calendars...

- School resumes 4/5
- T.V. Turn-Off Week 4/12-4/16
- Noon Dismissal- 4/13

## Plan Do Review

The Comets have been drawing and writing about what they have done during Plan Do Review in their journals. We are working on answering "wh" questions to explain what each child played with during PDR to help develop narrative and story telling skills.



Anthony and Jamel work together to build a giant marble run.



Max used recycled materials to turn himself into a frog,



Dominick used blocks to build a spaceship.



Camille made a feast for Ms. F.



Benjamin, Lucas, and Dominick make a subway for letter people.



Anthony, Jacob, Jamel, and Lucas build boats for the water table.



Jacob and Gabriel use the cash register to sell groceries.



Camille and Max put the Letter People to Sleep.



Lexi is using clay to make a ladybug.