



The Comets' Comments

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Community Helpers Through the Comets' Eyes

The Central Park Zoo

The Comets began the month of May by going to the Central Park Zoo to learn about the Zookeeper. As part of our current study of living and non-living things, Andrea joined us as we boarded a bus to spend the day at the zoo. Once at the zoo the Comets saw the zookeeper feeding fish to the penguins. We then found our way to the rainforest house where we saw birds and mon-

keys. After visiting the main zoo, the Comets went to the children's zoo, which was the highlight of the trip. At the children's zoo the Comets had a chance to pretend to be zookeepers and feed the goats! Many Comets were brave and let the goats come right up to them and lick the food off their hands. Our day ended with a lovely picnic lunch in Central Park.



The Post Office

We had a fantastic trip to the post office! The Comets were given a very special tour by Mail Carrier George. We began our visit by learning about P.O. Boxes and buying stamps. After each Comet bought stamps and mailed their letters, we were able to go behind the scenes. We saw where all of the mail goes and how it is

sorted to be delivered to different apartments. At the end of the visit we went inside a mail truck. We were all very interested and enjoyed learning about the process and responsibilities of mail carriers. We hope that you all enjoyed getting your special letters from your very own Comet.



Meeting Firefighter Craig

The Comets were beyond excited to meet the firefighters at the firehouse. On our bus ride to the firehouse we passed by all of the fire trucks as they went out on a call. When we arrived the Comets waited in anticipation for the arrival of the firefighters. After patiently waiting, the Comets were greeted by many firefighters dressed in their full uniforms. They quickly greeted us and welcomed us into their firehouse. Firefighter Craig gave the Comets a tour of the firehouse garage and taught the Comets about fire safety. We found out that the firefighters love to keep people safe. The Comets learned that we never touch matches or the stove. If fire is on you, you must stop, drop, and roll. Each Comet was able to sit inside the fire truck and spray the fire extinguisher. We even saw Firefighter Craig's friend slide down the firefighter's pole. He came down so fast the Comets were shocked. When we got back to school the Comets pretended to be firefighters and put out many fires in the classroom with their pretend hoses.



The Farmers at Union Square Market

The Comets learned about farmers by taking a trip to meet them first hand at the Union Square Farmers' Market. At the market we learned that some produce comes from trees while others come from the ground. There are many kinds of farms including orchards, vegetable, animal, and fish farms. On our tour of the market we saw different kinds of vegetables including beets, carrots, apples, potatoes, and squash. The class tried

some delicious sugar snap peas and fresh juicy strawberries. Strawberries were the favorite! The Comets bought carrots, strawberries and bread from the farmers to share during snack time. The favorite part for many was meeting the three day old baby goat. The Comets were even allowed to pet the goat.



Building Our Own Community

After viewing the Gillen Brewer Neighborhood on the Smart Board through Google Earth, the Comets were inspired to create their very own neighborhood. We began by each making our own structures— firehouse, bus station, police station, hospital, doctor’s office, etc. The Comets then worked together to build roads and make a park. Some children added ponds, trees, street signs, and even the Roosevelt Island Tram.



Plan Do Review



Anthony, Lexi and Dominick play with the sand table.



The Comets work together to measure how many cubes it takes to get to Jessica’s office from the Comet classroom.



Max and Camille dress up as firefighters. They are saving the letter puppets from the fire!



Benjamin is studying the subway map as he re-creates his own map.



Max is dressed up as a friendly ghost.



Anthony and Benjamin are pretending to be farmers as they dig and plant in the soil. Benjamin even made his very own farmer hat!

Mark Your Calendars...

- Police Station Field Trip– 6/3
- Alumni Field Day– 6/6
- Full Day of School– 6/23
- Last Day of School/ Half Day– 6/24
- Achievement Ceremony– 6/24