



# The Comets' Comments

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## Sounds In Motion

Sounds in Motion has taken over the Comet room. Throughout the day, during any activity, you may spot the Comets using their hands and their bodies to identify sounds in words.

Sounds in Motion begins with understanding the concept of *Whole Body Listening*. Whole Body Listening emphasizes that students must use their entire body to listen and learn. We use our ears to hear the words, but our bodies must be sitting properly in our chairs while our hearts and brains are ready and willing to learn. Each week the Comets refresh their memories and read our Whole Body Listening book. The Comets read the book as a class recalling and reminding ourselves why each part of our bodies must be listening—including our eyes, ears, mouth, hands, feet, backs, head, and heart. This listening strategy gets our bodies ready to begin listening carefully to the sounds that make up words.

The body movements in Sounds in Motion help strengthen student's understanding, detection, memory, and identification for each speech sound. There is a different movement for each sound that kinesthetically helps students remember and identify what they are hearing.

Every week the Comets learn a new Letter of the Week. While learning the letter for the week the Comets also are introduced to the sound and motion that corresponds to that letter. Throughout the week we play games, do projects, and participate in cooking activities that encourage and help us distinguish the sounds and learn the letter.

The Sounds  
that the  
Comets  
have al-  
ready  
learned are:

B  
M  
P  
C/K  
N  
S  
D  
H  
F  
T  
A  
G



Max making the "H" sound.



Lexi is making the "L" sound in "Lexi."



Jacob is trying to figure out how to put the two motions together to make the "Qu" sounds.



The Comets are making the "L" sound together.

## Cooking in the Classroom

The Comets enjoy cooking every Friday. Each week we follow a recipe and make something that begins with our letter of the week. For "A" week the Comets requested to make Apple Pie. Sandwiches and Salad were on the menu for "S" week. Before we begin cooking we always wash our hands. Once we are sitting at the table each Comet chooses a job and then we read the recipe together. As the Comets follow the recipes we talk about measuring, sequencing, following directions, as well as practicing our early literacy skills of recognizing words and directionality. Once the recipe is finished, the Comets always love to taste their delicious creations.



Jacob, Anthony, and Jamel are making Pretzels into the shapes of all of our letters for our review week.



Lucas is tasting the nachos we made for "N" week.



Benjamin is juicing a lemon to make lemonade for "L" week!

## Social Studies: Feelings

In Social Studies the Comets have been finishing the All About Me unit by discussing, reading, and acting out our different feelings. The Comets have read many books about feelings including My Many Colored Days, Glad Monster Sad Monster, How Are You Peeling?, and Today I Feel Silly. These books helped us to begin talking about what makes each Comet feel different emotions. Some Comets said that they are sad when their pet dies, when somebody different picks them up from the bus and

when it is not his birthday. As part of our exploration, each child acted out different emotions of their choice and had their classmates guess. We even made a classroom book of photographs of our emotions. In the classroom we have a chart that the Comets use throughout the day to express how they are feeling. The Comets move their clothespins to the face that depicts how they feel. This has been a very meaningful resource for the Comets as they feel

different emotions throughout the day and use their clothespin to express their feelings. To end the unit we cut out pictures of people from magazines and had to guess how each person was feeling. The Comets enjoyed making up stories about why the person feels a certain way.



# Plan Do Review



Max and Jamel put on a Letter Person puppet show with Ms. K and Mr. B.



Anthony and Jacob build a train for Mr. T to ride.



Jacob, Dominick, and Gabriel build a building out of Legos for the Letter People to live in.



Anthony and Jamel are making a train using digi blocks.

## The Comets build a snowman!



## Waiting for the buses...



## Ice Skating!



## Mark Your Calendars...

- Noon Dismissal– 3/11
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- VIP Day– 3/19
- Spring Break– 3/29-4/2