



# The Comets' Comments

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## Color Days!



This month the Comets have been studying colors in Art. Kate, our art teacher, has chosen one or two colors a week to explore in art. We began our study with the color red. The Comets explored red tape, oil pastels, and paint. We have also had the opportunity to study yellow by looking at sunflowers and drawing them using markers, paint and oil pastels. Our study of blue and yellow led us to learn that when we mix the two colors we can make green. Kate read the book, *Little Yellow and Little Blue* by, Leo Lionni to the class. The Comets then had the opportunity to mix their very own Little Yellow and Little Blue pieces of cellophane. Our color units will continue throughout the next month as we explore more colors with Kate!



## The Thanksgiving Feast

The Thanksgiving Feast was a huge success. The Comets began preparing for this exciting event by discussing what it means to be thankful. The Comets learned to be thankful is to really like something. The Comets prepared for the Feast by coloring and decorating table cloths and placemats. After reading several Thanksgiving books including, *Thanks for Thanksgiving*, the Comets brainstormed all of the reasons they had to be thankful and then made a video to share with all of our families on this special day. The Comets had many things to be thankful for this year including their families, toys, favorite colors, and friends. We also recorded our thanks in a book for the Comet families to bring home. The Thanksgiving Feast was a truly wonderful celebration. Thanks to all those who came and to those who contributed the delicious food.



# Social Studies: All About Me

Our All About Me Unit is in full swing. We began our unit by talking about who each Comet is. We looked in mirrors and discussed how each Comet looks different. The children made their very own self portraits by studying their facial attributes and carefully choosing materials that best represented themselves from the color of yarn to represent their hair to the marker that best represents their skin color. Our portraits were completed by designing our very own t-shirts using markers and pieces of fabric. Our study of our faces continues with Kate in Art class as the Comets begin to use model magic clay to sculpt their faces.

In correlation to our Thanksgiving conversations the Comets began talking about their favorite things including colors, foods, and toys. The Comets used magazines to cut out pictures that had their favorite colors and then drew pictures of favorite foods and toys. Our All About Me unit will continue with an exploration of our bodies, feelings, and responsibilities.



## Me Boxes

This past month the Comets were busy learning about their classmates. Each Comet brought in a box filled with objects, photos, and sentimental things from home. The Comets shared these possessions with their classmates. This project elicited language through questioning and allowed the children to develop a personal narrative as they described their belongings. Below are some of the highlights as each Comet presented their very own "Me Box."



"The red number 7 is my favorite."  
Camille



"My friend Marty. Marty is from Madagascar."  
Benjamin



"Chicka Chicka 1,2,3. I love it."  
Gabriel



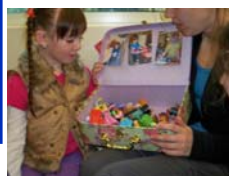
"That me and my mommy."  
Dominick



"My card, I like them."  
Lucas



"I can put my J train shirt on!"  
Jacob



"It's all special because everyone wants to see these toys."  
Lexi



"It my favorite book."  
Max



"The bouncy ball. It can touch the ceiling."  
Jamel

# The Comet Campground



In order to celebrate the letter C the Comets organized and planned a campground. We officially named our classroom the Comet Campground. Tents took the place of tables and the Comets carefully roasted marshmallows over a "campfire" as we told crazy stories. The Comets enjoyed eating lunch and reading in the tents throughout the day. However, the class favorite was definitely making and tasting our s'mores!



## Mark Your Calendars...

- Noon Dismissal– 12/2
- Parent Conferences– 12/7-12/18
- Last Day of Basketball, Soccer begins after vacation– 12/18
- Holiday Break– 12/24-1/1

## Thanks!

Thank you to all of the Comet families for contributing to and helping make the Thanksgiving Feast a wonderful and memorable celebration. The Comets loved sharing this special day with you!



## Plan Do Review



Gabriel and Lucas build with our recycled materials.



Jamel and Dominick created a giant spaceship using all of the Tinker Toys.



Jacob, Benjamin, and Lexi make "tents" out of scarves while listening to music.



Max builds the letters of his name out of straws and connectors.