

The Comets' Comments

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We Are The Comets!



Welcome to the Comets' class! We are very excited about our new class name. We worked very hard to brainstorm "things from Outer Space." Our brainstorm began with reading books about space. After reading several books we produced a list of about fourteen things from outer space. All of the kids raised their hands to vote for the names that they liked most. Once the list was narrowed down to three choices we learned several facts and interest-

ing information about our top three choices. We then had our final vote. The class name "Comets" was victorious and we are very proud of our new name! In celebration of our new class name the Comets enjoyed look-

ing at pictures of different comets and coloring them to decorate our classroom door. The Comets are very excited for a year filled with lots of fun and learning!



Our Class Goals

One topic that has been a priority in the Comet room is our classroom goals. Each Comet is really working on learning and practicing each goal daily. The first is whole body listening. Whole body listening is when our mouths are quiet, our feet are on the floor, our backs are in our chairs, and our eyes and ears are focused on the teacher. Secondly, we raise our hands to speak. All of the

Comets have so many great ideas that the teachers want to hear all of them. This ensures that each child gets an opportunity to share his or her thoughts. Finally, we try to remember to keep a safe body. A safe body includes keeping your hands and feet to yourself and following directions. The Comets have many different choices when they feel they may become unsafe- they can sit in a bean-

bag chair, ask teachers for a break, or ask for help.



Classroom Routines

turn water on



get soap



scrub



sing ABC'S

Aa Bb Cc
Dd Ee Ff

dry hands



turn water off



“The Alphabet song” is what we sing while we wash our hands! The Comets have learned the six steps to wash their hands. Each day we make it a routine to wash our hands when we arrive at school, before snack and lunch, and of course after using the bathroom! Each child has to find their photograph at either the BIG counter sink or the bathroom sink. Once they have found the sink that they are assigned to they get in line for their turns. The process begins with turning the water on, followed by getting soap, scrubbing, singing the ABCs, drying hands and finally turning the water off using the paper towel. The Comets have become increasingly independent with this routine. Another important routine that we have been working on is getting in line. The Comets have to wait until they hear their names called and then quietly and safely walk to stand in line. To ensure that all bodies have their own space and are safe, each child stands on a picture of a comet that is taped to the floor. The class enjoys choosing different places to stand on the line each day!

Reading Group

Reading group is off and running. We have begun doing small group activities each day during our reading group times. Each week, the Comets will be learning a new nursery rhyme. Nursery rhymes help provide a fun and interactive way to build early literacy

skills as well as the very important appreciation and desire to read. Singing songs and reciting rhymes will provide children with the opportunity to begin to understand the conventions of print and become familiar with letters and sounds. In addition to our study of

nursery rhymes we have also begun our letter of the week study. Each week we will learn a new letter and its sound. Using Handwriting Without Tears materials as well as different sensory materials the class will practice creating and identifying each letter.



Physical Education at Asphalt Green

Have the Comets told you how much fun they are having at Asphalt Green on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays? Each week we walk down the block to Asphalt Green. On Mondays we have Gymnastics. We have three

gymnastics teachers. Their names are Neesha, Matthew, and Amelia. The Comets love to bounce on the trampoline! On Wednesdays and Fridays we have Basketball. Our coaches are Tony, Sam, and Bill. Each day we begin with warm

ups and then get a chance to participate in different activities. It is a great time to get out some energy and interact with another class!



Plan Do Review



Jacob and Camille are working together to build an attic with blocks and dollhouse furniture.



Gabriel, Charley, Dominick, and Jamel built their very own race track using blocks.



Charley chose to write a story in his journal during PDR.



Benjamin is painting using our art center materials.



Jacob, Lexi, and Max are using what they learned about day and night in science class to play wake up and go to sleep; a game that they made up by themselves!



Because the Comets love cars so much, Jessica brought in a special race track to play with at PDR. The Comets took turns using the new toy. It was very exciting to race the cars.

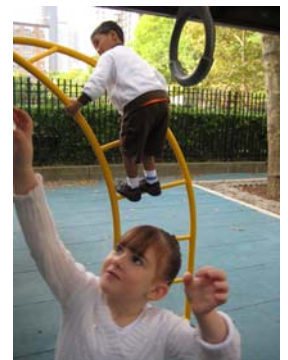


Gabriel, Lucas, and Westie are putting the family to sleep in the dollhouse.

Mark Your Calendars...

- No School– 10/8
- No School– 10/12
- Grandparents Day– 10/23
- Fall Family Fun Day– 10/25
- No School– 10/28

Fridays at Asphalt Green Playground



Thanks!

Thank you to all of those who were able to come to Curriculum Night. We are very excited to work in collaboration with you this year. We are always available through the communication notebook. The Comets are off to a busy and productive year. We are all very excited!

