



Dear Families and Friends of “The Rabbits”,

Is it nearly December already? November flew by in a whirlwind of birthdays and cupcakes (Elizabeth, Jonathan, and Sarah), sweet potatoes and turkey, and long weekends at home. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and is ready to face the approaching cold weather season.

The Rabbits have been hard at work in our Reading and Writing groups. With as much satisfaction as nostalgia, we finished up our literacy unit about Corduroy and his many adventures. We compared and contrasted the place, or the setting, of both the original Corduroy and the sequel, A Pocket for Corduroy, both by Don Freeman. Students discussed the main idea (presented as the BIG idea) in both stories and we all laughed when remembering Corduroy’s adventures while looking for a button and later a pocket for his overalls. We also had a discussion about the characters, or the people in the story, and noticed that many of the same characters appear in both tales of our favorite bear’s adventures. Next week we will begin our literacy unit with everyone’s favorite big red dog: Clifford! Be prepared to spend an evening with Clifford – Emily Elizabeth will remain home!

In math we’ve been playing lots of counting games and using descriptors such as “before than” and “after than” to describe positions of numbers along our number line. We’ve been singing plenty of mathematical songs and playing counting on games (practicing the number that follows in sequential order) using bean bags and other fun

manipulatives. We are gradually realizing that “one more” than a certain number is the same as adding one to a specific number.

Our adventures in Science have focused on discussions about living and nonliving things. We are learning that living things change and grow and have certain needs like food, water and air. This week we classified pictures of different things into either the living or nonliving category. It was fun when the Rabbits showed us how different living things fulfill their needs: Jaquan and Jonathan pretended to be tigers and drank from a pretend stream in our classroom. Isabella and Steven were cows drinking from a pond. Jordan was the rain that fell from the sky and quenched Elizabeth’s, the flower’s thirst. Lucia and Esti pretended to be a mother and daughter getting a glass of water from the faucet. Nichelle pretended to be a hungry and thirsty horse on the farm.

We’ve just begun discussing different types of families in Social Studies. If you haven’t sent in pictures of the members of your child’s family, please send them ASAP. We read Families are Different by Nina Peligrini; it was fascinating to learn about how some families can look alike and others can look very different. We’ll soon make our own albums and have a chance to discuss the different people that the Rabbits live with and consider members of their families.

It has been an exciting month and we look forward to a December filled with adventures and learning!

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