

Dear Parents,

This past week was our first full week in the New Year. Your toddlers have been very welcoming, compassionate and caring in regards to our newest student Samuel. He enjoys watching his new friends who have been modeling their grace and courtesy, such as waiting their turn and polite table manners.

The toddlers have been working very hard. If you were to peek into the class this week it would have seemed like we had water, water everywhere. Many of the toddlers have recently received the dish washing lesson. We have many different friends make beautiful arrangements for our tables. The hand washing station has become once again popular with your toddlers since the addition of our newest friend. There were many opportunities to absorb water using the mop, a sponge and absorbing cloth.

At circle time, I have shared the story of the 3 Little Pigs. I have changed some of the events to be less scary and have a friendlier ending. The main points touched on were the numbers one, two and three. The sayings "little pig(s), little pig(s), let me in" and "not by the hair on our chinny chin chin" and "I'll huff and I'll puff and I will blow your house in". "Let me in" shares a good lesson in grace and courtesy. The Big Bad Wolf didn't ask and did not say please. We have been working on identifying parts of our body, which references the quote "chinny, chin chin". As part of our circle time we do yoga stretches as well as breathing practices. "I'll huff and I'll puff" guides them to take in both short and deep breaths and exhale slowly and fully.

Friday the toddlers and I enjoyed the mild weather and went on a hike in the woods behind our school. They always enjoy exploring the forts the elementary students are creating. On our hike we discovered sap that had hardened and was sticky from a cut tree. They each climbed up a ramp into a tall tree and examined ice crystals.

I hope you all enjoy your weekend and here are a few pictures from this week for you to see what your toddlers hard at work.

Warm Regards,

Debbie and Valentina