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Gerri and Lindsey's Classroom Highlights from our Week

Reading All-About-The-World Books

This week in reader's workshop we have been exploring learn-about-the-world books. We learned that the words and pictures in these books can teach us something new. We practiced reading these books in two types of ways: on our own and with a partner. We learned that partners sit side by side, with one book between them, and see-saw read the pages (taking turns page by page). We practiced reading our books from cover to cover, trying to learn all we can from the pages.

Needs and Tools

This week our class learned that we all have needs. All human beings need food, water, sleep, shelter, love, friendship, etc. We also learned that sometimes people need different things. These "special" needs are what make each person a little bit unique. We sorted pictures into two categories: "we all need" and "some people need". Some of the items some people needed were glasses, a nightlight, an inhaler, medicine, a communication device, a mobility device, and more. This very important conversation led us to exploring some of the tools some people use in our classroom. Sitting wedges, pencil grips, chairs with arms, and focus tools are just a few of the items that are needed in our classroom for all students to be successful and happy learners.

Guided Discovery: Glue!

This week we explored glue sticks, a tool we will be using all throughout the year. After learning how to appropriately care for them we created amazing pieces of art using cut and colorful paper. Check out our artwork outside our classroom door!

The Attendance Stick

A big part of our math work right now is solidifying our counting routines. One way we do this is by creating a class attendance stick. Using unifix cubes, we put together 22 cubes to represent what our class looks like when we are all here. In the morning, we use different cubes to take attendance. After compiling the attendance stick for that day, we compare it to our class stick and ask "is everyone here?" and "how many students are missing? How do you know?" This math work strengthens our number sense and is very purposeful to the kids!

Important Dates

Field Trip Friday, October 6: (Sign up to join us outside our classroom door!) We will be heading to central park around 12:30 for an afternoon of science exploration and play!

Family Sing, Friday, October 6: Join us during drop-off to sing with your children!

No School Monday, October 9



Love

Gerri and Lindsey