

Dear families,

We managed to squeeze a lot into our 4-day week! We introduced our next letter study and glued blue buttons on a letter B sign that will live on our classroom wall. We made blue beaded bracelets and practiced forming this tricky letter with one tall line and two bumps on the way down. Thank you once again for helping your kids with Show & Tell - we loved their creativity and they were quite pleased to share their bunnies, brown bear, baby, Barbies, Bluey, bowling ball, basketball, beach ball, Batman and Bitzee with their classmates!

The children were proper superstars on our voyage to the Larchmont Library yesterday! We were proud of everyone's spirit and stamina and enjoyed marching through the leaves, waving at Erin's house, and identifying more local helpers along the way including garbage men, leaf collectors, and a police officer. Most of the children were very familiar with the library and were proud to share their personal experiences. Ms. Erin read us several books and we enjoyed a snack in Constitution Park before heading back to school where we practiced being Crossing Guards and directing traffic just like we did in the crosswalks on our walk!

Our community theme continued and we talked about all the different "circles" that are formed around us, starting with the smallest circle which only has our family inside to the biggest circle which encompasses our entire world. We all agreed that it would be wonderful to open our various circles to others and share kindness and love all around. We asked children to paint whatever "community" means to them - most painted pictures of their families, their foundational community. Even as their experiences broaden and horizons expand, their family circle will remain the most important!

We also welcomed some guest readers this week - Franny's "Mimi" who was visiting from Boston, and Zoe's parents in honor of her birthday!

**Books We Read:**

*The Circles All Around Us* by Brad Montague

*Good People Everywhere* by Lynea Gillen

*Lola Loves Stories* by Anna McQuinn

*Thank You, Neighbor* by Ruth Chan

*Is That Wise, Pig?* by Jan Thomas

*Chicken Story Time* by Sandy Asher

*I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie* by Alison Jackson

*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats

*The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn

*Paperboy* by Dav Pilkey

**Looking Ahead:**

For next week's Show and Tell, we are asking students to bring in something that begins with the letter C

Please send in a change of warm clothes for your children to keep at school (we will switch them out with the warm-weather clothes we currently have).

On Tuesday, November 26th, we are asking children (with the help of a grownup) to bring in 12 small helpings of a favorite nut-free food that they would like to share at our class Thanksgiving "feast." We will give each child the chance to tell the class what food they brought. Please send in items that are easy to distribute 12 ways - things like dried cranberries, baby carrots, apple slices, corn muffins, cheese cubes, and turkey rollups are great choices. We will enjoy sharing everyone's treats and celebrating our classroom community during Tuesday's Lunch Bunch. No need to pack a separate lunch!

Have a great weekend,  
Kristen and Beth















