

Dear parents,

The Thanksgiving festivities continued this week. The children created a raft of turkeys (the collective noun for a group of turkeys), using glue sticks and feathers of many colors. They also worked together to create a beautiful class painting using potato mashers. It was interesting to see the different patterns made by different mashers. Stamping “up and down” is a very different painting technique than using a paint brush and sliding a brush side to side. At snack time on Friday, we made real mashed potatoes, with everyone taking a turn using the potato masher to mash parboiled potatoes with butter. They all enjoyed the process (even if only a few were willing to try the end product). We put a potato in our window box and will patiently wait to see what happens. And of course our potato week was filled with Mr Potato Head fun.

We are having conversations about what we are thankful for. We love hearing the children’s answers- among many other things they are thankful for parents and siblings, homes and animals.

We read *The Littlest Pilgrim* by Brandi Dougherty, a sweet story about the power of friendship. Here is a link to a read-aloud of the book:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wk1lzM_b5xw

More books we read:

Thanksgiving in the Barn, Nadine Bernard Westcott

Thanksgiving is for giving thanks, Margaret Sutherland

Thanks A Lot, a Raffi sing along book

We are singing silly Thanksgiving themed songs. Your children can teach you *The Turkey Is A Funny Bird* and *One Potato Two Potato Three Potato Four*.

We had our first Tuesday yoga class with Ms Sue. The children practiced breathing, made animal poses, and were quiet and calm during Shavasana.

The children are working very hard at clean up time. We play “the clean up game” at circle time. Your children are very supportive of each other and love to clap when classmates put toys in their proper places. We are very proud of the effort everyone is making to take care of our classroom and toys.

Wishing you all a happy weekend,
Andrea, Cara, and Kate











