

Connected Journeys

M-W-F 8:00-11:30
Ms. Sue & Ms. Jamie

Important Dates

No School 12/23-1/6

Show & Tell

Friday 12/6 something blue
Friday 12/13 something green
Friday 12/20 something red

Vocabulary

Please
Thank you
Goodness, no

Book Corner:

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons,
by James & Kimberly Dean
Pete the Cat and the Magic Sunglasses,
by James & Kimberly Dean
In November, by Cynthia Rylant
The Thankful Book, by Todd Parr

Please feel free to email us
anytime with questions,
comments or if your child will be
absent 😊

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December Newsletter



Our class has taken advantage of this beautiful fall weather. We have been enjoying outside time and going on adventures to the outdoor classroom and experiencing falling leaves and blue skies!

The children also enjoyed many fall sensory experiences with pumpkins in the classroom. They enjoyed feeling the inside of the pumpkin while using their vocabulary to describe the whole pumpkin, inside and out! They used math skills to count the seeds, and gross and fine motor skills to hammer golf tees into the pumpkin and pull them out again. The children also painted with leaves, pinecones and sticks. Reading and dancing to Pete the Cat stories was a fun activity enjoyed by all. Pete has a great attitude, even when something doesn't go his way the book asks, "Does Pete cry? **Goodness no!**" Our class has been sharing many personal stories of when it is OK to cry. We have role played scenarios to express emotions in a healthy and appropriate manner. The series has allowed us to be active by dancing, singing rhymes, and increasing our love of literacy!

Science experiments have been a great part of our day. We learned about water becoming ice, changing from liquid to solid when frozen. Each child mixed paint colors of their choice in an ice cube tray to see if it would also become a solid when left in the freezer. Ask your child what happened!

Looking forward to December, we are planning many more conglomeration activities to develop our classroom community. We will continue to learn about cultures and languages. Currently, we are working on and singing about colors in both *English and in Spanish*. We are also learning please and thank you in *Sign Language*, as well as singing about manners. Singing and learning definitely go hand in hand. We will be working more with patterns, as this is a fun and creative way to build upon early math concepts.

December's Healthy Tips:

Observe your plate during meals. Try to make half of the plate fruits and vegetables and make sure the other half consists of important food groups such as whole grains, lean proteins, and low fat dairy for a well-balanced meal.

Stay Active! Before the weather gets too cold, go to the park to swing, climb or play catch! Ride your bike to the library.

Remember to drink plenty of water!

Don't forget to bring those handy water bottles to school **every** day!