



Cove Room

February, 2008

Dear Parents,

This past month in the Cove Room has been filled with activity. We explored the animal kingdom through special books Linnea and I got from the library, through group art projects creating giant cows, a lion, an underwater scene, and a giraffe and especially through visits by our families with their pets. We met Zachary's grandfather's dog, a little white Scottie dog who likes to chase birds. We met Fiona's dog Lulu Pulu, who was very exciting and licked us when we gave her treats. We met Morgan's beautiful red fish and her sister Chandler came and read us a story about fish, too. We met Brett's dog Maya who was big and hairy, and only speaks Spanish! We met Sean Ryan's dog, who was very friendly and had a short little tail. We also met Charlotte's worms from her compost. We learned all about how the worms eat and digest our leftover vegetables making less trash and wonderful soil for the garden. Charlotte's mom wanted me to let all the parent's know that if they would like to have some of her worms she would love to share and help set you up with a worm bin of your own!

We really had a wonderfully low-key Valentine's day, making beautiful mobiles and celebrating Liam's birthday. The Cove Room is slowly turning four years old! Fiona, Morgan and Sean Ryan all celebrated their birthdays this month.

We have a new friend in the Cove Room on Tuesday and Thursdays. Her name is Emanuela and is a joyful addition to our class.

We really enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year when Colin's parents Chris and Christy came to read a neat story about the dragon and lion parade. We listened to Chinese music while we made red and gold paper lanterns and colored rats, as it is the year of the rat.

This coming month of March marks the beginning of our next theme, "Around the World". In your parent boxes you will find a letter describing how we will be exploring this theme through folk tales, music, dance and food. There will be a sign-up sheet available for parents who would like to come in and talk about their family's backgrounds, favorite foods, or traditions. The world is a big place to take in at four years old and the more relevant we can make it the better.

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We will be taking down the giant animals we created this past month, so if anyone is interested in taking them home to adorn your child's room, please let us know.

We look forward to everyday with your children, helping them explore further, being creative, learning life skills, being problem solvers and good friends to one another.

Thank you for all your support and generous donations.

Sincerely,
Kari and Linnea

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