

K-K News

November 14, 2008

Dear Families:

In our unit on families, it is my goal to help children share a topic with which they are very familiar (their families), and then to expand their understanding to a much broader scope. Thus, in addition to sharing our class book about families (filled with the wonderful pictures you shared with us), we have shared a broad range of literature about different types of families; looked at photographs of families from around the world to compare and contrast them to our own; and gathered - and shared - data about the different families in our room. Next week, we will share the information about where in the world our families are from. I deeply appreciate your support in sending in photographs and homework in the past few weeks, and look forward to sharing the children's learning with you next week.

Please remember that next Friday, November 21, is our family celebration in K-K. The classroom doors will be open at 8:15, and families are welcome to come and go as necessary between 8:15 and 9:00. There will be no formal presentation that morning; your child will simply demonstrate for you how he/she does the morning jobs in the classroom and then will act as tour guide around the room. While I anticipate that the children will have their own agendas of what to share, I want to highlight a few things that you might wish to see while you are here:

- Our class books on the families of KK and the Halloween parade (both of which are very popular reads in the classroom right now);
- The graphs the children have created from the data they collected about your families (ask them to compare their graphs to some of the others on the bulletin board);
- Our world map, featuring the places of origin for our families (your child may also wish to share with you the ways that we use the atlases in the classroom to find these locations);
- Our lovely mold jars, which grow more interesting each day;
- The “just right books” that your child is learning to read independently;
- And the math materials and games that we have been working on in class.

It promises to be a full and exciting morning, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for whatever period of time you can be with us that day!

In other news...

- We will be completing our unit on number in mathematics and moving on to a unit on pattern in the weeks ahead. More on that in future newsletters...

- This week in science, the children worked to make predictions about what will happen next in their jars. We are working on making predictions based on our previous observations at this time.

- As we conclude our unit on families and move toward the Thanksgiving break, know that we will begin a study of Mexico after that break.

Enjoy the weekend with your children, and know that Julie and I are looking forward to seeing you next Friday!

Sincerely,

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