

ENRICHMENT NEWS



Dear Enrichment Families,

We had a wonderful Valentine week in Enrichment! We read several Valentine books and continued discussing ways to be a “superhero” friend. On Monday, we read *Love Monster and the Last Chocolate* by Rachel Bright. After long deliberation, Love Monster decides to share his chocolates. Ask your children what he discovers when he opens the box of chocolates and what he learns about sharing. The children had lots of fun making Love Monsters of their own using different colored tissue paper. They also had fun playing with chocolate scented play dough and creating their own boxes of chocolates and Valentine sweets.

On Wednesday, we read *Love, Z* by Jessie Sima. In this story, a small robot named Z discovers a message in a bottle signed “Love, Beatrice”. He decides to set out on an adventure to find out what “love” means. The children enjoyed sharing different ways people can show love. We had fun creating Valentines by using a variety of art supplies and sealing them in envelopes with stamps. We continued making Valentine sweets with chocolate play dough and played games using Valentine candy heart boxes. In one box, the children counted and matched the chocolates with the correct numbers, and in the other box they matched letters.

On Friday we read *Click, Clack, Moo I Love You* by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin. In the story, Duck throws a Valentine’s Dance for all the farm animals. Duck invites a newcomer to join in, and it’s just what the party needs. The children agreed that by including everyone the party was much more fun. We enjoyed making collages dipping paper towel rolls bent into heart shapes into paint. We also used watercolor markers to decorate heart shaped tissue paper. Then we used a dropper to add water to our artwork. The children loved watching the

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colors spread and mix together. We also had lots of fun playing with pink and red glitter Valentine slime.

The children enjoyed building blocks, racing cars and playing in the Big Room, too. It was exciting to see the children work together to hunt for one of the girl's missing barrette in the Big Room. They turned it into a scavenger hunt, making up their own clues to follow.

We hope you are having a wonderful weekend and will see you in Enrichment on Wednesday!

Susan and Caroline



