



GSRP Penguin Planner

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Unit of Inquiry

Central Idea:

We can use play and behavior to express our feelings and ideas

Related Concept: Connection, Form, Responsibility

Lines of Inquiry:

Ways people express their feelings

Ways we use our bodies

Our responsibility towards appropriate behavior

Learner Profile Attributes:

Open-minded-I listen to others!



English

This week, the children read the books "I love you" by Todd Parr, "Is there really a Human Race?" by Jaime Lee Curtis and "Kind: A book about Kindness" by Alison Green. They then practiced being open-minded about different ways they can be kind to others. One child made a connection to the text by saying: "We can let people go first to get their stuff if they're hurt". Another child made a connection with their play, saying: "If a person's tower falls down, you should always help them rebuild it".

We also celebrated Valentine's Day this week with a belated classroom celebration. The day started with making guesses about Principal Kolar's Question of the Day: Who started Valentine's Day? The children guessed: Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman, a spotted puppy, Spiderman, a striped kitty, unicorn, sabertooth tiger, Sonic, and a heart man. Then the children happily circulated the room to deliver their Valentine's Day cards, make friendship bracelets, socialize with each other and parents and engage in other heart-themed activities.

Another topic the children have been exploring this week has been finding "safe solutions" for negotiating their play at school. We engaged in social stories about our class puppet, Roger, who lost his car in the sandbox, who practiced the safe solution of taking a deep breath and asking for help. We also observed a photo of two girls tugging back and forth on a fireman's coat and observed that their safe solution was to share and take turns.

Chinese📖

This week we are focusing on the IB unit “how we express ourselves”. The children explored the idea by reading multicultural books and expressing their love to friends and family members at the Valentine’s party.

The children read “*They All Saw a Cat*” by Brendan Wenzel on Monday. This book shows us the many lives of one cat, and how perspective shapes what we see. We really appreciate the book’s clever and thoughtful lessons about how everyone has a unique perspective. Then they did a sorting activity to show different ways to sort out things.

We had a blast at the Valentine’s party! The children were sending each other Valentine’s cards and gifts, showing their love and care for their friends. They made special heart-shaped cards in the art area. We sang the Chinese song “I Love Family” to express our appreciation for family members. I also want to say thank you to our parents. Thanks for coming and joining us! The children were excited to have you at the party!

The children made friendship bracelets after reading the book “*Whoever You Are*” by Mem Fox and Leslie Staub. This book told us: every day all over the world, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same. They may not speak the same language. Their lives may be quite different from each other. But inside, they are all alike.

Enjoy a lovely weekend! ❤️

Reminder & Updates

Field Trip

March 23 : 10-11:30 : Potter Park

