



JOURNEYS WEEKLY RECAP

2020 - 2021
BUILDING THE SCHOOL FAMILY
8/10 - 8/14



MORNING MEETING

MS. LORELEI

In addition to 1. an activity to unite, 2. an activity to connect, 3. an activity to destress and 4. an activity to commit, we included a time for positive affirmations in our morning meeting this week. Positive affirmations are true, uplifting words you speak aloud to remind yourself of all of the wonderful qualities you have! Students began by echoing me: I am strong, I am safe, I am brave, and more. Soon, the students will lead their own words!

This week, we greeted new students visiting for trial days. We love when new friends come to spend the day with us!

BUILDING THE SCHOOL FAMILY

MS. LORELEI

For our final week of Building the School Family, it was my job to take a step back from the classroom spaces and think critically about what final structures needed to be in place for us to be successful during our project weeks. The students have spent these four weeks truly connecting, finding their sense of safety and belonging when away from home. We have been crafting a community within our class family, and now we are ready to further our learning!

This week, Building the School Family included:

- Searching through different magazines to find examples of different families to answer the question, "how many are in a family?" and "are all families alike?"
- Reviewing our structure of partner talk, listening and sharing
- Learning how to see the best in others even when (especially when) they make mistakes
- Practicing working together collaboratively to plan and execute ideas

ART [THURSDAY]

MS. DENISE

This week, we worked on making puppets of our family members. Our kids loved this activity and could have made puppets all day! We envisioned those we love (what do they look like? Why do you love them?), drew, colored, cut, and taped our creations.

INDEPENDENT READING

MS. LORELEI

We continued our routine of exploring books of various levels and topics, cleaning and returning. We practiced the procedures of partner reading along with individual reading.

WORM STUDY

MS. LORELEI

We completed our worm study this week by really refining our observation skills as scientists and learning from our fellow class family member from home, Kai, how he found earthworms for his worm jar. We shared all of the things we learned about wiggly worms together!



A castle collectively created during Free Exploration.