



## JOURNEYS

BUILDING THE CLASSROOM COMMUNITY

8/5 - 8/16



## **MORNING MEETING**

MS. LORELEI, MS. RACHEL

On Mondays we join the Upper School for a whole school morning meeting that helps us connect and feel safe with everyone young and old. We played a game to learn each others' names (the whole school!) and relaxed our bodies with deep breaths. Every day in Journeys, we connect, de-stress and commit to being safe. Each child has a heart that represents their commitments to being safe, kind, helpful and respectful. We talked about what it looks like to be each of these things and made personal daily goals. We also sang and danced, played connecting games and on Friday we celebrated all of the great things we did all week with musical instruments.

## **BUILDING THE CLASSROOM COMMUNITY**

MS. LORELEI, MS. RACHEL

Welcome to the first week of school! It was so wonderful to see new and familiar faces all together. The first two weeks of school focus on building the classroom community, so we focused a lot on learning about each other and how our classroom works. We created a class book called *Ways to be Safe* and read books about becoming friends. We practiced how to speak to each other in times of conflict that models kindness and respect. There are a lot of procedures to cover in the classroom to be safe! We learned about our special line order, which is two by two, that helps keep the line shorter and safer when moving around the community or transitioning to different locations outdoors. On Thursday, we introduced Little Fox, our class mascot plush fox, who will visit each child to learn about each child's home and family. Be on the lookout for Little Fox to come visit you!

## **MOVING THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY CLASSROOM**

MS. LORELEI, MS. RACHEL

This week we did our very first walk to Pineapple Park and the Eau Gallie Public Library! Our walk there felt long and slow, but we did it! The children highly enjoyed the climbing trees at the park. We left the library earlier than expected due to a rainstorm coming. We caught just a little rain as we headed back to class, but the class worked hard together to be calm and safe as we transitioned back to our schoolhouse. Next time, we will bring a wagon to carry our belongings. Thank you so much to the parents who were able to come with us!

## **RANGER TRAINING**

MS. LORELEI, MS. RACHEL

This first week of Ranger Training was a great success! The children were introduced to what a Forest Ranger is and the different duties they are entrusted with. We did our first nature walk

around the neighborhood to start sharpening our observation skills. The children documented different animals and plants they saw, sounds they heard, and smells they smelled. Thursday we embodied Law Enforcement Rangers and went around the neighborhood cleaning up “crime” (litter). Friday we learned how to set up a tent!