

Executive Director's Report Susan Domenighini March 23, 2021

Favorite Moments

Singing, "Nibble, nibble goes the mouse in my heart...", with their Valentine mouse puppets in hand, the Kindergarteners were just the sweetest.

At the end, one little cherub - who shall not be named - said, "My mouse just farted."

Every day, I ask my students a "would you rather" question for the day. Last week was: Would you rather be a land animal or sea animal forever?

Over the course of the discussion, where many ideas for which animals they could be were generated, one of my students said in a deadpan voice:

"Humans are temporary; pigeons are forever."

I had a student tell me I was like Repunzel. Yes, I finally let my hair down.

Laughing with co-workers on material distribution nights.

In 1st-3rd grade, we're working on a sewing project showing the layers of the Earth. I also say a verse at the beginning of our class that talks about how the Earth is our mother. Last week, I had a 1st grader ask "If the Earth is our mother, who is the Earth's mother?" So so sweet.

Spanish Language Verse

Prior to break Senora translated and read our morning verse in Spanish. Plans are in consideration to make this a regular thing.

CUSD Spring Review

I Zoom met with representatives from CUSD for our spring review. They asked questions about our opening process, learning loss plans, next year, diversity, and anti-racism work. It was a positive conversation, they were complimentary about our diversity and anti-racism work and concerned about learning loss plans. Everyone is aware of the importance of mental health support for students, staff, and families.

Intentions

Teacher intentions are requested and received each year in March. Most are continuing with their class or in their current assignment with a few notable exceptions:

Nick Meier will be taking on Games next year. We are excited to see the Waldorf Inspiration expand. Jennifer Bryan-Glennen will take first grade and Brianna Lee will move into

Full Day Kindergarten

This will be a priority next year. Details will be shared as we complete the budget process.