



Dear Friends and Families,

I hope this finds everyone a little more rested and relaxed than earlier in the week. Needless to say, it's been a stressful week for many of us. As an Early Childhood Educator I find myself thinking about the future of (not only my children) but the little people that I am responsible for on a daily basis. It is my hope that I am able to help provide a path to a better future one filled with love, compassion and empathy. As difficult as the week was, the children (as usual) provided much needed joy, laughter and distraction.

This week we provided activities that were calming, quiet and required both focus and attention. The act of pouring liquid from one vessel to another was just what we needed. The act in itself is so zen. The children loved watching the pink liquid flow so gently from one large vessel into smaller sized containers. They also really enjoyed watching each other. Please be sure to look at our photos this week. I think we really captured some fantastic facial expressions.

We also put together an animal collage and followed up with a story. I thought I'd share their stories;

**Bella** The bird is flying to the Flying Park. He is going to play with all his bird friends. His friend is another guy that swims.

**Calvin** The beaver is going to eat the fish. He found the fish in the water and went past the river, to the bay to get more fish.

**Evie** The bear is eating honey. He's finding more stuff to eat. He likes chicken and honey. He's a black brown bear and he eats pumpkins and flowers.

**Flora** The whale goes splash! He eats the fish "gop, gop!"



**Isabella** My buffalo is looking for food. He eats fish.

**Isla** The starfish and the fish are friends. They play together.

**Naomi** My frog is jumping in the bird house. The frog is eating the bird.

**Porter** The mouse is at his house. He's playing cars with a friend.

**Teddy** My octopus is swimming in the water. He's having fun.

**Will** My bird is going South to his bird house. He's eating chicken.

We were fortunate enough to enjoy our Friday together at Niven Park, Although the weather was a little windy, cold and brisk, it was wonderful to be outdoors. The scenery is beautiful with paths that wind along the waterway. It was a perfect way to end our week.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for sharing your precious children with us at Curious Minds.

Love Teacher Lisa

