



Dear Maple Families,

Happy Monday! We started off the week with having most of our friends back in class after we went through a cold. Thank you again for respecting our protocols regarding cold symptoms, so much appreciated. Anyway, on Monday all of our friends participated in making bean play-dough mandalas. We made the first round of mandalas with orange play-dough, and then the second round with brown (for fall). All of our friends showed so much interest that most of them made quite a few! **Calvin** did a mixture of black beans on the outside, and one little rock in the middle. On Tuesday, **Bella** and **Naomi** both made of their mandalas with only lima beans which was so unique!



On Wednesday and Thursday, Teacher Lisa started work on the children's self-portraits! They will eventually end up in our Art portfolios, but for now they are hanging a wall in the classroom (TL also took pictures and they are posted on Google photos). We had music with Teacher Dani. In memorial to the great rocker, Eddie Van Halen, Teacher Dani played one of his best songs, JUMP! To our surprise, every single friend was dancing, jumping and moving their body. Teacher Lisa and I also joined in on the fun. Teacher Dani told us we were the most enthusiastic of all the classes. Then we sang a song and used our bodies like we were different kinds of animals, and that was also a huge hit. Safe to say that music was an enjoyable experience again this week for everyone involved.



On Thursday, we finished self-portraits and had our friends practice stacking rocks. Stacking rocks can be very tricky, but because there is no “right or wrong way” to stack rocks, everyone got creative and did what they wanted. For example, **Isla** instead of stacking, she organized the rocks by color and size. **Evie** used some of the smaller rocks and practiced stacking them a couple times. Once she was able to completely balance them, she would point and say, “ta-da!” **Will** was enjoying the smaller rocks and seemed determined to stack all of them in mini stacks. When the rocks fell over, he would try again. I think he spent a good ten minutes figuring out the best way to do it to get the most rocks on top so they wouldn’t fall over. I was very impressed. How creative and such good determination!



Fridays we do our Meadow walk, which our friends really enjoy. We each find a partner and walk slowly across the street and through the neighborhood. This week though, Teacher Lisa and I had a surprise for the friends to take part in along the way! We will be doing a scavenger hunt since we always manage to see interesting things along our route. We all found birds and clouds, flowers, pine cones, and leaves. **Calvin** and **Flora** spotted and picked beautiful flowers.



Thanks for reading our weekly window and enjoy your weekend.

Love, Teacher Rachel