

Willow Journal

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Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back to school. I hope you and your family had a fun filled week together and that this week brought you a little rest and relaxation. I know that when I went home on Monday, I was slightly more tired than usual, but by the middle of the week my energy was back, and we had all settled into our normal routine.

We had every intention of starting our week by finishing up our building project, but as all good contractors know, plan for the unexpected! While we were home enjoying time together, our beloved janitorial service threw out our almost finished, handmade, multi floor, cardboard structure! Imagine



my surprise, on Monday morning when I was trying to locate our building, Jacki informed me, "Teacher Lisa, it got thrown away!" "What, why would they do that?" Clearly, they were not familiar with a building mock-up. So, it was back to the drawing board. Luckily, I had purchased some home improvement items while on break (all of which came in cardboard boxes) so we were still in business. With the help of my assistant **Sadie**, we managed to successfully reconstruct the building. We stayed true to our original blueprints, and by Wednesday we were ready for painting. During our Morning Meeting we took a group vote and decided on the color; pink, purple, red and black. The children are now

quite proficient in roller brush painting. We also decided on a name for our building, "The Clock Tower". We hope to finish up and be ready for a presentation just in time for the CMLC Soriee'.





It's really noteworthy to look back on all the interesting areas that our project covered. The children seem engaged and excited about all the various aspects of our building construction, from new vocabulary words, (tape measure, yard stick) learning about blueprints, to designing the rooms. I know that we as teachers thrive on the excitement that the children display when we offer new avenues for adventure and ways to engage their imagination.

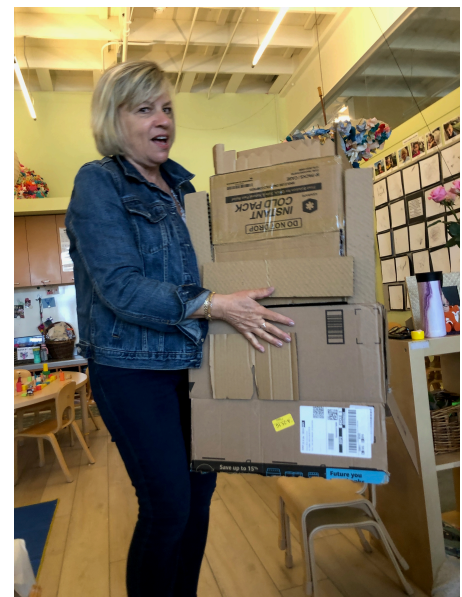
I want to thank you all for sharing and entrusting your children to our care. My hope is that we instill the love and excitement of learning and it takes them to places they never dreamed.



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Have a wonderful weekend.

Love Always, Teacher Lisa



Materials

Dominos

Dice

Stones

Blocks

Paint rollers

Activities

loose parts with frames
winter wonderland

fairy tale blocks
structure painting/bulding

