

## 101 Bioeducational News

The month of December has been filled with festive and fun activities. Throughout this month, in the Homeroom and on lessons, we focused on Faith as the Bioeducational theme. We have discussed the meaning of Faith as having a deep belief, trust, or confidence in a person or thing. During Writer's Workshop, we highlighted the people we have faith in in our lives and the qualities they possess. A lot of us identified people who we feel are reliable, consistent, and trusting.

With this theme in mind, December was filled with a variety of activities that students had the opportunity to attend. With the help of the "Holiday Shop," students were given the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends with their hard earned tokens. Many students expressed feeling joyful and proud to be given the opportunity to give back to the people who love and take care of them.

The month concluded with Lighthouse's annual "Holiday Fest." We decorated our classrooms with creative crafts and joined in fun indoor and outdoor activities. Students worked together in order to decorate our classroom window with holiday spirit. Our window showcased 101's creative and bighearted personality. We created a campfire setting with all the members of our 101 family sitting around the fire. We even indulged in some S'mores to add to our campfire fun.

We also discussed coping strategies when feeling anxious or overwhelmed, both feelings that can accompany the holidays. Although the holidays can be challenging at times, students were supported in staying positive and remembering all those that care about them, including our 101 family.

## 102 Bioeducational News

The Bioeducational theme of December has been faith. In writing students responded to prompts such as "Who is someone that you have faith in and why?" and "Who or what do you count on when you are having a bad day?". We were very impressed with the amount of detail and examples that students used in their paragraphs! Many students even volunteered to share their writing at the end of the week. In visual arts we made an Advent Calendar which included opportunity for movement, crafts, and holiday celebrations.

The students had many opportunities to work together as a team this month. They assembled and decorated the giant gingerbread house in group therapy; they made snowflakes from coffee filters to decorate our bulletin, and brainstormed ideas and depicted a holiday scene for the annual window-decorating contest. In addition, every student was able to buy gifts for loved ones using the tokens they worked hard to earn from the Holiday shop. It was heartwarming to see how excited they were to be able to give as they carefully wrapped each present. This year's Holiday Fest was once again a big hit! Students really enjoyed participating in the different stations in the gym and socializing over holiday games. We hope that you and your family have a safe and warm vacation! We look forward to an encouraging 2019!

## 103 Bioeducational News

The Bioeducational theme of December was Faith. Many students chose to write about their parents as people they have faith in and described the qualities that inspire their faith, i.e. loving, forgiving, caring, understanding, etc. We spent morning meetings discussing the meaning of the word “faith” and how we can use opportunities to try to do things differently, that we have never done before (out of faith), and see how it can make a positive difference to our lives. Students decorated sunglasses and wrote down examples of things they have faith in to put onto our bulletin “Live by Faith, Not by Sight.” In our Visual Arts elective, students were challenged to repeat steps of drawings, and practice the discipline of repetition in order to get better at something. They completed two final scenes that combined what they had learned; one, an underwater scene that included the starfish and angelfish they practiced; the other, a jungle scene composed of tiger and toucan. They also designed and created various Op Art Swirls as we begin our next unit! This month, we are especially proud of the generosity students showed by saving in advance for the Holiday Shop in order to purchase gifts for loved ones using the tokens they worked hard to earn. It was heartwarming to see how enthusiastic they were to be able to give to others as they carefully wrapped each present. Finally, LHS’s annual Holiday Fest was once again a big hit! Students had the opportunity to participate in the different stations in the gym and socialize over holiday crafts and activities. We hope that you and your family have a joyous and warm vacation! We look forward to another wonderful year with you in 2019!

## 104 Bioeducational News

The Bioeducational theme for the month of December was Faith. Throughout the month groups were held to talk about faith. Students gave example of things they have hope for, or things that they believe in. Talks about the holidays also incorporated the theme of faith and hope.

During the month the students had the opportunity to attend the annual Lighthouse School Holiday shop. Staff throughout the building brought in donations, which provided students with an opportunity to purchase gifts for their families with their tokens Students worked hard to save up 500 tokens to purchase two gifts for their loved ones. It was great to see how each of the students put a lot of thought into picking out their gifts. They also had a lot of fun wrapping their gifts up to take home.

Also this month, we held our annual Holiday Fest celebrating various holiday traditions. As part of Holiday fest, the class participated in a window-decorating contest. To go along with the theme of Faith, we decorated our window with a scene of carolers standing outside a church singing Christmas carols. During Holiday Fest, the class participated in a Holiday Stroll around the building to look at how other classrooms throughout the building decorated their windows. A lot of fun was had by all.

## 105 Bioeducational News

The theme of the month during December was Faith. Faith can be a difficult topic to discuss, but students and staff worked together and shared what faith means to them. December is also a month that brings about many emotions such as excitement, anxiety, joy and sadness about upcoming holidays. Lighthouse school had many activities available to students from caroling, decorating cookies, decorating our classroom windows for the Holiday Stroll, and Holiday Fest. Our homeroom decorated our window with a paper chain Christmas tree, complete with ornaments and wrapped gifts under the tree. We discussed traditions we celebrate at the holidays with family and friends. We continued to work on a homeroom assignment challenge, as well as a motivational plan to attend and participate on lessons. Lastly, we participated in Holiday Shoppe, where we were able to purchase gifts for friends and family using tokens earned for good choices. Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy your break!