

101 Bioeducational News

Students reflected on what it means to be generous this month through discussions in the homeroom, Group Therapy, and Writers Workshop. Students were able to shop for Holiday gifts for family and friends with their hard earned tokens this month during our annual Holiday Shop! Students enjoyed the shopping experience and were excited to wrap their chosen gifts! We ended the month with our annual “Holiday Fest”. Students participated in decorating the homeroom and were able to enjoy fun indoor and outdoor activities as a homeroom and as a cluster in the gym while indulging in some yummy holiday treats! Students also worked together to decorate our homeroom window with Holiday Spirit for the annual holiday stroll!

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The Bioeducational theme of December was Generosity. One of our writing prompts was to write a story that either exemplified generosity or the opposite, a Scrooge story; students did a nice job finding all different ways people show kindness on a daily basis. In STEM, we worked cooperatively in a small group or with a peer using an assigned role checklist to help with staying on task and remembering social expectations. We designed and built pyramids using Legos, blocks and sugar cubes. We also worked hard on making the Great Wall of China using index cards, boxes and cups (for the towers) and card stock. Our class spent Morning Meetings discussing what it means to be generous and brainstorming ideas for gifts that are non-material. Some examples our class thought of were as follows: compliments, hugs, patience, help, tolerance, a listening ear, and time. Students colored in gift boxes and wrote a non-material gift idea on their box, which then decorated our bulletin board and completed the quote “‘Tis the Season for Giving...” We are especially proud of the generosity students showed by saving in advance for the Holiday Shoppe in order to purchase gifts for loved ones using the tokens they worked hard to earn. Our 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. For those who were able to attend, we hope you enjoyed the window decorations on the stroll. We hope that you and your family have a joyous and safe holiday, and we look forward to a wonderful 2020!

103 Bioeducational News

The month of December brought many fun and exciting opportunities for our homeroom. The Bioeducational theme of the month was generosity. Students started their day writing about different writing prompts such as “Why is it important to be generous to others?”. We ended the month with several holiday festivities, including the Holiday Shoppe and Holiday Fest. Students saved their tokens to buy gifts for their loved ones during their visit to Holiday Shoppe, practicing generosity. Fun was had by all at Holiday Fest where students enjoyed games, sweet treats, and cookie decorating as a homeroom and cluster.

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The Bioeducational theme for the month of December was Generosity. Throughout the month groups were held to talk about generosity and how it felt to give to others, or how it felt when others gave to them. We spent time talking about the various ways in which we can be generous and give to others. The homeroom created a bulletin board entitled “Generosity Warms the Heart” that depicted Olaf from “Frozen” surrounded by mittens where students wrote down gifts that they’d like to give to the people in their lives. Another great way for the students to show generosity was our annual 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 each of their gifts. 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. We created a window based on the quote from “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”. Our window depicted a Christmas street scene with both students and staff pictures turned into Whos from Whoville standing hand in hand around a Christmas tree. It was a lot of fun working together to get the window decorated. It came out great!

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The theme of the month during December was Generosity. The students discussed generosity in many lessons and group therapy, as well as created a bulletin board featuring how the Grinch’s heart grew 3 sizes bigger due to generosity. Our STEM elective has been going well, and the students have recreated the Eiffel Tower and the Leaning Tower of Pisa using various materials. Lighthouse School had many activities available to students from caroling, decorating cookies, decorating our homeroom windows for the Holiday Stroll, and Holiday Fest. We discussed traditions we celebrate at the holidays with family and friends. 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!