

# Kristin's Class Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It was great to see so many of you at the "Salad Bar" on Friday. Our kids were docents in their own little museums, sharing and answering questions from all visitors. It's amazing to me that such young children are able to tell their stories with energy and confidence. Thanks for all of your support with the projects; I think they were the best ever.

## **World of Beauty**

We launch our new unit today. In World of Beauty we'll study ways that people around the world make art. We'll look at lots of art and make lots of art too. Our key questions are

**\*What is art?**

**\*Why do people make art?**

**\*How do people around the world make art?**

This week we'll introduce the unit. Our main story is *The Art Lesson* by Tomie de Paola. Our practicum students, Amy, Kate and Melissa will lead the social studies part of the week. They are here in the mornings two or three days a week.

## **Conferences**

Our conferences are nearly done! Just four to go. If you had your conference, thanks! If not, there's plenty of time to set one up. Steve would like them all done by the end of February.

**Tardy?**

We all come late once in a while (even me) because we can't help it. Keep in mind, though, that kids are tardy often feel behind and "out of it"- just like I do when I am late. Do your best to have your student in class, coat off and ready to work by 7:30.

## **The Microwave!**

The Kinneavy/Lee family has donated a microwave, so it is ok to send lunch that needs to be heated again. Some guidelines:

\*We have a sixty second maximum. Ramen, popcorn, etc. take way too long.

\*Send something to heat the food on and a spoon or fork to eat it with. We only have "sporks" for school lunch customers, and they aren't very strong anyway.

\*If you send food to be heated, it's your child who is doing the warming up, not me. It's up to you to decide if your child is ready to learn to use the microwave.

## **This Weekend**

We had a couple big days! Tommy (my youngest son) got a separated shoulder while snowboarding. Ow! We finally replaced our broken dishwasher. Yay! I'm not a football fan, but AJ and I made lots of tasty food for our family superbowl party. YUM! Hope your weekend was busy and mostly fun, too.

**Kristin**