

RE Notes January- February 2016

January 17 2016

K-3: 3 children w/ Jessica

4-6: 2 children w/Geraldine

K-3: In the spirit of MLK Day, we shared knowledge with one another about who Martin Luther King was, the principles he stood for, and how he advocated for equal rights. Read the book "What does it mean to be kind" which explored various ways to extend kindness to others. Engaged in an craft that focused on the experience of giving and receiving kind words.

4-6: Children enjoyed a good conversation discussed various forms of meditation.

Sunday Jan 24 2016

K-3 & 4-6: 10 children w/ Ben and Murray

We had ten children today in SE and had a wonderful day of art, music, and reflection all together. As I reflect upon our process, it was rather nice to have creative processes ongoing and between children of various ages- Lucy rather liked spending time to with Tess and Lexi drawing - 'older girls' had such a wonderful influence for her. It's wonderful too to be able to work with Murray(and the other SE teachers/families) who are open to such kinds of open, creative discussion.

Sunday Jan 31 2016

K-3 & 4-6: 5 children w/ Ben and Geraldine

High School Graduate Jack Greene and Jason (CTWK) joined us to share information about the Rift Valley Children's Village (part of the Tanzanian Children's Fund - in Northern Tanzania). Jack will be leaving in a couple of week to volunteer at the Rift Valley Children's Center. The children watched a video and worked on a card for the children of the village. Our SE children will also be working on a video project during the week to share with the village children.

Sunday Feb 7 2016

K-3: 5 children w/ Jess

4-6: 2 children w/ CTWK & Geraldine

K-3: We first spent some time processing the story read in the sanctuary this morning, "My name is Sangoel". Then we read the book "I wonder" and explored themes related to curiosity, things we are able to figure out, things that remain a mystery, and what it feel like to wonder about something. Together we built a "wonder wall" made of many questions that the children have about the world.

4-6: CTWK spoke about the Anti Cabin Fever Dinners, why they host the dinners, what the money is raised for etc. The children also worked on making tissue paper flowers to decorate the tables!

Sunday Feb 14

K-3 & 4-6: 5 children w/ Polly and Friends

Morning check-in was wonderful with 5 birthdays clustered to cheer, and then the valentine fun was so soon over! But all left with at least one beautiful card replicating an historic wall stencil.

Sunday Feb 21

K-3: 2 children w/ Jess

4-6: 2 children w/ Geraldine

K-3: We had a small but lively group today! After Joys and Concerns and some catching up about vacation week, we read the book "What does it mean to be Present?". After exploring the theme a bit, we colored mandalas as an exercise in being in the present moment.

4-6: Our group enjoyed a really fabulous, jam packed with information video about the day in the life of an 11 year old Cambodian girl "Koun And Her Water Buffalo". You can watch this video on Amazon Prime by following [this link](#).