



# I'M IN SCHOOL



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The children have transitioned to school so well and are embracing the "I'm in School" mindset! We have learned the routines of the day, the teachers' names, some of their friends' names and the behavior expectations in the different spaces at The Children's School. We are encouraging independence as the friends come to school and hang their belongings in the lockers, wash their hands, and clean the rooms after playing.

As with all of our units, we use stories and music to guide our teaching. A few of the books we used were "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?" by

Eric Carle, "Take Turns Max and Millie" by Felicity Brooks, "How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?" by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague, and "Caps For Sale" by Esphyr Slobodkina. Some books helped introduce things like sharing and listening while others were simply fun stories to encourage participation and laughter!

The children have engaged in parallel play (individual play next to another child, but not with the other child) and cooperative play in the different learning centers. The friends took care of babies and prepared meals in the dramatic play kitchen. We built and ran

trains on the train table. At the art tables, friends used markers, daubers and scissors to create works of art and practice fine motor skills like drawing, snipping and putting lids back on markers.

Each of the groups enjoyed looking at the "All About Me" pages that friends shared! The friends proudly named the people in their families and talked about what was happening in the various photos. The pages have been compiled in a book and put in the library center for everyone to see. In this way, they will begin to learn their peers' names and develop friendships.



- THE BLUE ROOM CIRCLE TIME WITH MS. O'NEILL.
- IAN SEPARATING BUTTONS IN THE WATER TABLE.



ARAS MOVING HIS TRAIN DOWN THE TRACK.



SIMON ADDING COLOR TO HIS BODY PAINTING.



JAMIE-ANN CREATING A WORK OF ART.

# PLAY FUELS OUR LEARNING!



Kipton showing off his climbing skills!



Ryder adding a block to the wall of this block structure.



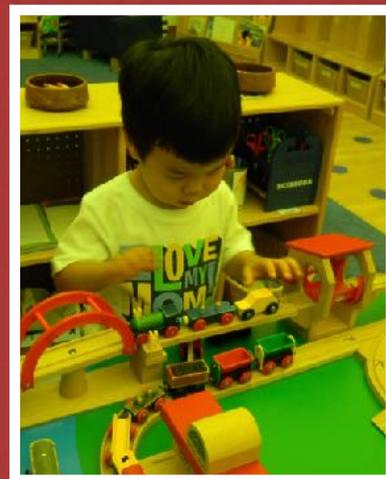
Rowan decorating the first letter of his name.



The morning Red Room friends stretching their bodies during gym class with Mrs. Wendolowski.



Aras caring for a baby in the dramatic play center.



Ian enjoying time with locomotives at the train table.

## “WE HAD A GOOD DAY!”



Jamie-Ann watering the flowers on our playground.



Simon and Archie preparing a meal in the dramatic play kitchen.



Rowan tapping to the rhythm in music class with Mrs. Hraber.



The afternoon Blue Room friends sharing their favorite color.



Kipton spending time on his watercolor painting.



Ryder choosing a shade for his body painting.

# MORE FUN AT SCHOOL!



Ian and Atticus looking at books in the Red Room library.



Aras painting his body shape.



Simon and Evelyn scooping sand into cones.



Rowan and friends proudly showing their beanbags!



Kipton adding one more block to his tower.



**OUR NEXT THEME  
IS COMMUNITY/  
RECYCLING!**

**WE WILL LEARN ABOUT  
WHERE WE LIVE AND  
WAYS TO KEEP IT CLEAN!**

It has been a wonderful start to the school year! We want to say "Thank you" to Mrs. Hraber for teaching us wonderful music lessons and to Mrs. Wendolowski for leading our gym classes. We look forward to seeing our families at our Open House on October 18!



Ms. O'Neill

Mrs. Loomis

Mrs. Tomer

Mr. Salinetto