

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Small World has been providing
nurturing educational care to
children for over 40 years.

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We encourage reasoning, respect
and responsibility for children of
all ages.

Small World Early Childhood Center

December 2016

Director's Corner

December was an exciting month at Small world. The children read books, used their senses, experiences and language skills to discuss and explore "where we Live" theme.

All the classes used the exploration of shapes (geometry) as an element of human homes. We discussed the social studies element of community workers (construction workers, plumbers, electricians, maintenance workers) who assist in the building and maintenance of human homes. Some classes conducted class surveys (math) to record whose homes had an elevator vs. stairs, bathtubs vs. showers etc. We used some of this information to illustrate that all homes are different but are places to live and play (diversity/acceptance).

Some classes used the theme to introduce new songs and finger play. Some classes used the theme to animal habitats. Some classes created three dimensional human homes and/or bear caves out of cardboard boxes. The children used language to express life experiences when acting out play themes with plastic animals and people.

We spent a portion of the month discussing and embracing winter holidays. Some classes made holiday gifts for family members. Some classes had ugly sweater contests. Some classes sang holiday songs to the seniors in the Swinging Sixties holiday luncheon.

We will explore transportation and pedestrian safety in January.

Family Fun

NYC Transit Museum
90 Schermerhorn Street
Brooklyn NY 11201
(718) 694-1600
Monday – Friday 10 am – 4 pm
Please consider visiting the transit museum to see old turnstiles, tokens, buses, trains and trolley. During the holiday season, rides on vintage buses and trains are available throughout the city. The

Parent Corner

Small World Child Care is currently funded/subsidized by NYS to provide high quality child care to working families. Our funding is based on contracts, which are reviewed and renewed on a regular basis.

NYS has recently sent letters to all current child care families indicating that our contract is up for renewal in the next 6 months.

We are aware of this contract timeline and requirements. We are in the process of preparing and submitting documents to state and city agencies for the new contract. We are confident that the contract will be renewed based on the positive reports we have received on recent state visits. '

Ms. Maggie's Class (Room 205)

The children are adjusting to school and participate in taking out and putting away class materials (sorting/matching). The children are using more language with teachers and peers.



Ms. Julissa's Class (Room 201)

The children enjoyed creating a grapes and apple fruit salad. We also created holiday crafts to decorate our room, make gifts for our families and celebrate our traditions.



Ms. Annette's Class (Room 203)

We read the book "The Three Little Pigs". The children enjoyed making houses out of blocks, because they are strong. The children were encouraged to make a picture of their own house using shapes (geometry).



Mr. Kerry's Class (Room 303)

The children LOVED to draw blueprints of their favorite room in their houses. We noticed that they are different.



Mr. Michael's Class (Room 202)

The children explored shapes, homes and holidays. The children love to interact and work together.



Extended Day (UPK)

The children love being together and working as a team to solve small and big issues. We share space during story time, start and finish floor puzzles and share class materials.



Ms. Karina's Class (Room 301)

We explored and made homes for humans and animals. We expanded our literacy investigation. We created our own "costumes" to wear as we sang songs for the senior's holiday luncheon.



Ms. Jessica's Class (Room 302)

The class worked in 2 groups to create a house or apartment. The groups had different ideas for the shape and what it was going to look like. The "builders" of the apartment used a convention crayon technique. The "house builders" used collage materials for the doors and windows and paint for the roof. We promote and encourage positive discussion and acceptance of different ideas.



After school (5 – 7 years of age)

A picture speaks 1,000 words..... this is a photo from our holiday party.



January Dates to Remember

Nature Specialist – Wednesday, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18

UPk Library Trip – Friday, 1/6

NYS Public School Kindergarten Enrollment Ends 1/7

Family Meeting/Workshop - 1/10 (8:30 am)

Nutrition Workshops – Thursday, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

All Programs Closed – Monday, 1/16 (Martin Luther King Day)

NYS Public School Pre Kindergarten Enrollment Begins 1/17

3 year old Library Trip – Friday, 1/20

Family Volunteer Events

Please notify the teachers if you wish to participate on our walking trips to the local library.

Families are also welcome to read a story to the students, assist in a cooking or art project or discuss your career, hobby or interests with the students. Fire fighters, nurses, doctors, police officers, dancers, musician artists, writers, contractors and chefs (interactive activities are welcome).