

February 25, 2010

Dear Fours Families,

We would like to thank you so very much for your energy and creativity with the family visits this month. We hope you are enjoying your time with the children as much as they enjoy the time with you!

As you may have heard from your child, we have already had many discussions about different types of families. Children have commented on differences and similarities among their classmates, and some quotes have included:

"You have two mommies."

"I don't have any brothers or sisters."

We will talk more about different types of families including what it means to be adopted, gay and lesbian families, and families with a single parent. This provides children with the chance to learn about family structures that are similar or different from their own. Some books that we have in the classroom and that family visitors have shared include, The Family Book by Todd Parr, All Kinds of Families by Mary Ann Hoberman, Mr. Rogers's Let's Talk About Adoption, and And Tango Makes Three by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson.

As you may have noted on the school calendar, students and faculty will attend the Families Assembly next Wednesday. This fits in very nicely with our family study and the upcoming Visibility photo exhibit, where members of our school community submit photographs and stories celebrating gay and lesbian people.

Lastly, with the arrival of chilly weather, please remember to send your child with mittens, scarves and either a hat or hood. We do go up to the roof every day, unless we are faced with particularly frigid temperatures and proper winter wear allows for proper winter play!

And thank you again for your generosity and thoughtfulness during our family study. It has been a real treat to share our classroom with you.

Warmly yours,

Danielle and Anne