

KITTY ROOM - AM Class

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Happy New Year! After the winter break, it was wonderful to greet our returning Kitty Room friends at MSCU as well as to welcome Emerson and Quentin to our classroom!

Our study of the continents has continued with a focus on South America and Africa this month. The children have learned about the natural and person made wonders on these continents. The “Animals of Africa” has been a favorite Montessori material on our geography shelves. Many Kitty Room friends have made flags and maps representing countries on these continents as well as looking at artifacts from each region.

Looking at beautiful photographs of children from other continents allowed us to compliment our geography studies with our 100 Days of School celebration. As each Kitty child held a picture of a friend from another part of the world, we brainstormed about the ways in which we are the same and/or different from global neighbors. This activity encouraged a discussion on the basic needs of all people, regardless of where they live. The class generated a list of universal needs including: food, clean water, a place to live, clothes, and love. This prompted an introduction of ways we can help each other by sharing our resources. The children learned about the Eastern Illinois Food Bank and our food donation drive began. The response was overwhelming! The Kitty Class collected over 150 grocery items to share with hungry neighbors in Illinois; far exceeding our goal of 100 items. We cannot thank you enough for opening up your hearts and your pantries to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank and giving the children an opportunity to participate in this worthy cause.

The morning our gem jar finally held 100 gems (1-28-19) was super exciting! The Kitty Room displayed baggies holding 100 items to a classroom wall. We made 100-day celebration necklaces and participated in a school wide celebration. Thank you to the families that provided the Kitty Room with festive napkins and snacks for our 100 Days of School party!

Happy birthday this month to Paco, Swara and Finn!

Please continue to dress your child appropriately for outdoor time with hats, waterproof gloves/mittens, scarves, snow pants, boots, and cozy winter coats. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lynn Holland