Throughout the Community Helper/Recycling unit, Three’s classes first focused on our school community and the various people who help at The Children’s School. Next we studied various community helpers around CMU and Pittsburgh. The morning three's classes enjoyed a visit from a mail carrier, Jamie Ann’s mom. Friends worked in our classroom post office-stamping letters, stuffing envelopes and delivering mail. Then we studied construction and focused on the tools and trucks that different helpers use, reading “Whose Tools?” and “Whose Trucks?” by Toni Buzzeo. We learned about how construction workers stay safe with goggles and work with hammers.

A fire drill sparked an interest in firefighters. Children then learned about the important role of firefighters as community helpers. The three’s friends then focused on sanitation workers as helpers. Three's friends had a visit from Mr. Eric and Ms. Jamie from Republic Services, CMU’s waste management company. We saw a garbage truck up close and saw some of the actions that the truck can perform. The big book, “Whose Trucks?” by Melvin Berger, helped to show our growing landfills and stressed the importance of recycling. Three’s friends engaged in different sorting activities that helped them to think about the makeup of various objects.

Whether paper, plastic, aluminum or compostable materials, they all have separate bins for recycling at our school. We encourage our families to show how you recycle at home to save our earth! One of the favorite books of this unit was “Michael Recycle” by Ellie Bethel. Michael is a recycling superhero who comes to towns to help communities learn how to recycle. As a finale, Mrs. Loomis preformed as Michael Recycle, helping children learn to recycle. We hope that our friends now see themselves as community helpers at home and at school!
LEARNING IN THE THREE’S SUITE!

Eleonore and Evie reading with Ms. O’Neill in the library.

Evie pouring coffee to begin work in the doctor’s office.

Mio taking care of the baby in the Red Room doctor’s office.

Emma Anne and Moses singing a song during circle time.

Matteo scooting a truck across the carpet in the Red Room.

Eleonore, Lettie, and Mio driving to the grocery store.
Moses "I see you!", says Moses

Maggie playing peek-a-boo though the blue climber tunnel.

Laughing with Mrs. Wendolowski during gym class.

Moses using tools to move water in the water table.

Eleonore and Kipton having a ball on our playground.

“I see you!”, says Moses

Maggie soaking up the fall sun on our playground.
ENJOYING LEARNING AT SCHOOL!

It continues to be a wonderful school year! We want to give a sincere thank you to families who attended our three’s open house! We hope everyone had a blast! Another big thanks to Mrs. Hraber for her engaging music lessons, to Mrs. Wendolowski for our active gym classes, and to Mrs. Loomis for her Michael Recycle performance!

OUR NEXT THEME IS TREES!

WE WILL LEARN ABOUT TREES AS IMPORTANT LIVING THINGS IN OUR WORLD!