Dear Families,

It has been a fun month filled with storytelling, acting, singing, and surprisingly good weather! We are anticipating a well-deserved winter break and are looking forward to being with our families.

We started the month with the book Stone Soup written by various authors. This familiar story is about a visitor to a poor village. He sparks a generous spirit in each of the villagers as they pull together the humble contents of their kitchen cabinets, along with a simple stone, to make a delicious pot of soup. During this week, we enjoyed collecting stones to paint, cooking soup for our Open House, and having stone races!

We followed with the book The Princess and the Pea. A princess gets lost and ends up at a castle. The queen decides to test the princess’s true identity by placing a small pea under many mattresses on which the princess will sleep. The princess feels the pea and has trouble sleeping, and so is deemed a princess. She marries the prince and they live happily ever after! For activities with this book, we made crowns, played in a castle tent, and tasted different peas.

During the week before the end of the semester, we read How the Camel Got His Hump. A conceited camel enjoys lazy days of gazing at his reflection. He only responds, “Humph”, when asked to do work. A genie responds by transforming his flat back into a hump filled with enough nourishment to last three days in order to sustain him long enough to get the work done that he refused to do. This week, we were busy doing sand art, clothespin camels, and using the shadow screen.

We are so pleased at they way all the friends have progressed during the school year. Looking back from the end of our first semester, we have witnessed some really great learning and growth in all the children.
We hope you have a very happy and safe holiday season filled with love and laughter. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year as we continue to promote the friends’ learning and development!

Mrs. Bird, Miss Furman, Miss McMichael,
Mrs. Opferman, and Mrs. Tomer
We enjoyed having many families come to our Open House this year! As you can see, all of the friends have been busy at school. There is so much for them to enjoy. We are so pleased with all that has happened this semester. It will be fun to see all the ways we learn in the new year!