The books from this month were a great introduction to our Friendship and Community theme. It has been wonderful to get to know one another!

“The Kissing Hand” by Audrey Penn was our first selection. A little raccoon is reluctant to attend night school for the first time for fear of leaving his mother. She comforts him with her love using these words, “Hold out your hand and I will give you a kiss in it.” She helps him to feel more secure by coaching him through the possible emotions that may arise.

“When you feel lonely, press your hand to your cheek and think, mommy loves you!” The children enjoyed tracing their hands, searching for hearts in the sand, and making heart muffins.

The next book was “Chrysanthemum” by Kevin Henkes. This book tells a story about a little mouse whose parents name her Chrysanthemum when she is born. She loves her name until she is teased at school about her “flower” name. One day Chrysanthemum meets her music teacher, Mrs. Twinkle, who loves Chrysanthemum’s name because she is also named after a flower (Delphinium). This caused Chrysanthemum to feel positive about her name once again. The children enjoyed making large filter flowers, petal letter flowers with each child’s name, and a memory game.

“May I Bring A Friend?” by Beatrice Schenk De Regniers concluded the theme. This story is about a child who is invited to the king and queen’s home each day, for one week. Each time the child asks to bring a friend, such as a giraffe, monkeys, an elephant, etc. After entertaining all of the child’s friends, the king and queen are asked to come to the friends’ home for tea - which was the zoo! This week was full of fun activities such as making elephant masks, lion head manes, animal tea, and apple treats. We are really looking forward to the next theme: Games!

Miss Furman and Miss McMichael
Painting is so engaging!

Let’s see how I can blend colors to make a new one!

There are always new discoveries in the sandbox!

How did these animals get in to the Children’s School?

It takes concentration to trace a hand just right!

Maybe we could bend the “No Peanuts” rule...

We have made good use of our kitchen aprons!

The Children’s School is a place where just about anything is possible!