Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to welcome new friends and families to Extended Afternoon this year! Each day we work and play and enjoy cooking snack together.

Our first focus book was Two Cool Coyotes by Jillian Lund. Frank and Angelina are best coyote friends. They are two cool coyote friends in a hot American desert. They are sadly separated during a move and Frank becomes acquainted with a new friend named Larry. Some of the activities were cooking apple crisp, viewing real coyotes on the computer, and creating sand art with multi-colored sand.

Mouse's First Day Of School by Lauren Thompson was the first book experience for the three year old Extended Afternoon friends. In the story, Mouse sneaks into a school backpack and enjoys a day of discovery in preschool. Some highlights of the week were mixing paints to make new colors, practicing with stencils, and making grilled cheese sandwiches.

The next focus book was Corduroy Goes To School based on the familiar character created by Don Freeman. Corduroy is a bear whose day at school includes many familiar school activities like playing outdoors and listening to stories. Our activities included baking muffins, creating a giant Corduroy covered in pieces of material, and finger painting.

Franklin’s Neighborhood by Paulette Bourgeois tells about Franklin the turtle and his school project to draw his favorite thing about his neighborhood. Franklin decides to draw his neighbors since he especially likes talking to them. The activities included using the felt board, cooking broccoli soup, and going on a scavenger hunt.

Our last book was All The Colors We Are by Katie Kissinger. The book showcases the beautiful diversity of human skin color, and helps children learn about skin by introducing the scientific process that gives us our skin color. We compared our eyes with one another, made face collages and enjoyed making grilled turkey and cheese sandwiches.

We look forward to studying about Dinosaurs! Thanks for a great start to our school year!

Miss Furman and Miss McMichael