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 multiple versions of 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 painting stones, cooking biscuits, and going on a vegetable scavenger hunt!

We followed with the story The Princess and the Pea. A princess gets lost and ends up at a castle. The queen decides to test the princess’ 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 played a math game using a playing board with crowns and gems.

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, making colored sand jars, and using the shadow screen.

We are so pleased at the 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 next year as we continue to promote friends’ learning and development!

Miss Furman and Miss McMichael
We love to cook, create, experiment, listen, laugh and learn! This semester has been busy with so many fun activities!