Terrific Textile Time

On Thursday, March 3rd, more than 200 Children’s School family members and friends donned their classroom colors to celebrate our whole school unit during our Terrific Textile Time, where we had our photos taken in bandanas we got to select and keep. We played games with fabric beanbags, practiced washing mittens like the three little kittens, made sheep with real wool, made necklaces with yarn, contributed to a fabric poof collage, and created sock puppets.
More Textile Time Explorations

During the Textile Unit, we learned about the process of sheering sheep to get wool to transform into knitted or woven fabrics, so we pretended to shear sheep and used a real loom to weave yarn into a decorative wall hanging. In the kindergarten, we experimented with how much liquid different textiles could absorb, we tried to identify different fabrics by feel, and we used the “Zoomy” to magnify textiles so we could see the fibers on the computer screen. In our new Make Shop, we used the low temp glue guns to make a fabric collage bookmark to take home.

Exploring a Wheelchair

During the past month or so, our school community has had the opportunity to learn about the challenges of navigating the world in a wheelchair, thanks to Dr. Carver’s misstep at home and resulting broken leg and subsequent surgery. The educators, children, and families have been extremely caring, and the children frequently ask if her leg is “feeling better”, while seeming somewhat puzzled that the healing process isn’t quicker. They have been so eager to open doors, clear paths, and even push Dr. Carver in the wheelchair that she visited the playground to give them a chance to try riding in it and pushing their friends. We’ve all discovered that it’s not easy and we now have ideas to improve our school spaces to make them more accessible to all!