MK2 Newsletter

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Happy fall!

We hope you have been enjoying the month of October as much as we have here in the Morse K2. We have learned many new things, designed some amazing creations, and have had so much fun playing! We have been quite busy reading new stories, learning different games, and using our creativity.

To kick off October we continued our theme of getting to know ourselves and each other in the Morse K2 classroom. The children created mini versions of themselves along with 5 facts you might not know about them. Want to know what they are?...Have your child show you!

MK2 Animal Week

We learned about different types of animals such as lions, tigers, southern flying squirrels, and cotton-tailed rabbits. We expanded on Morse K2's importance of being kind by designing an animal sanctuary full of beautiful creatures. The children were quite thoughtful and creative and enjoyed knowing the animals would have a safe place to live.

Visit from Cambridge Animal Control

We learned about the different types of animals we might see right here in Cambridge. We had the pleasure of being visited by Ms. Christina who works for the Cambridge Animal Control Department. She shared about how she helps animals in need and showed us some pictures of animals we might not know lived in Cambridge. Children were amazed to learn they lived so close to such a variety of animals.

We got to see some equipment that is used to help and rescue animals. We even caught one of the Morse K2 members! We learned some very important animal safety tips. Do you know what the safest thing to do if you find a dog running towards you? If not, ask your child. We earned our very own animal badges and got to take them home.

Ms. Christina also brought a very special guest with her, and we got to meet Lily the Snake! The Morse K2 children even got a chance to pet Lily.

Visit to Fresh Pond

In this photo, you can see MK2 children waiting anxiously to see what Ms. Kirsten will find in the pond.

MK2 took a nice walk in the Fresh Pond Reservation on the day of Eid Al-Adha. We met Kirsten Lindquist, the Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator of Fresh Pond Reservation. She showed us around the reservation and taught us how we can observe nature. We also learned how cool water is and how Fresh Pond provides healthy water to people who live in Cambridge.

MK2 enjoyed the following books this month

Go Away Big Green Monster	Ed Emberley
There is a Bird on Your Head	Mo Willems
Knuffle Bunny	Mo Willems
Not a Good Idea	Mo Willems
I like Me	Nancy Carlson
What I Like	Catherine and Laurence Anholt
Dandelion	Don Freeman
Yo! Yes?	Chris Rashka
Ring! Yo?	Chris Rashka

MK2 likes to connect literature to our projects. Children enjoy listening to stories and telling stories. Often we treat children's literature as a tool to help them make connections to what we learn.

This month's selections connect to kindness, listening, friendship, or self discovery because we are getting to know each other and beginning to create our classroom culture. During our Animal Week, we read a book called "Animals and Places They Live" written by first greasers in California.

We visit our local libraries to find these books!

Can you guess what this picture is?

Hint...it is located somewhere in the Morse K2 classroom. Be detectives and have your child help you find it!

Congratulations Morse K2!!!

We have reached our second goal of earning **150** chains together.

To celebrate our positive choice making, we will soon be having a party day planned by the Morse K2 members. It's going to be lots of fun. Keep up the great work!

Important Dates and Reminders…

Wed	October 22	Early Release	**Early Release Program** MK2 opens from 12:25 to 5:55 pm
Thu	November 6	Early Release	**Early Release Program** MK2 opens from 12:25 to 5:55 pm
Tue	November 11	Veteran's Day	**MK2 Closed**
Wed	November 26	Half Day	**Half Day Program** MK2 opens from noon to 5:55pm
Thu	November 27	Thanksgiving	**MK2 Closed**
Fri	November 28	Day after Thanksgiving	**MK2 Closed**
Wed	December 24	Christmas Eve	**MK2 Closed**
Thu	December 25	Christmas	**MK2 Closed**
Fri	December 26	Vacation Week	MK2 Full Program Day 8:30 am – 5:55 pm
Mon	December 29	Vacation Week	MK2 Full Program Day 8:30 am – 5:55 pm
Tue	December 30	Vacation Week	MK2 Full Program Day 8:30 am – 5:55 pm
Wed	December 31	Vacation Week	MK2 Full Program Day 8:30 am – 5:55 pm
Thu	January 1	New Year's Day	**MK2 Closed**
Fri	January 2	Vacation Week	MK2 Full Program Day 8:30 am – 5:55 pm

MK2 would like to have… <u>Wish List</u>

Paper towel rolls

Shoe Boxes

2 liter bottles

Paper

Thank You to families who gave us donations!

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