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**StoryMaking Unit 4**

*Let Our Ideas Shine Through Study*

Date:

Dear Parents,

During this last quarter of the year, we explored a variety of reflective materials and the medium of sculpture to make new realistic stories to share. We read books to investigate what types of stories we could imagine taking place during the day and at night. Books such as *At Night* by Jonathan Bean, *Blackout* by John Rocco, and even *A Good’s Night Walk* by Elisha Cooper inspired not only our story ideas and characters but also how we could represent the night sky with colors that matched our stories.

Your child learned to imagine, make, play, and share stories that included a beginning, middle, and end, as well as new descriptive words that described the time of day (e.g. bright, sunny). During their StoryMaking time of day, children used many new materials such as translucent blocks, light tables, sand trays, flashlights, and foil to make their story. Then students used the photographs and artwork of what they made to share and write the story they had imaged in their mind.

We are cleaning out our StoryMaking folders for the year. Please find attached a few work samples from this unit that your child created. You might find an illustration where they are painting a sky with specific colors to communicate the time of day, a picture of them making a story with a new material from their explore stations, or even a sample of their own writing.

We had an amazing year of StoryMaking and have grown so much this year! We encourage you to keep making stories together as a family this summer by playing and making stories. Think of something that you did as a family that week and begin to retell it together. Imagine what materials you would need to make this story and play to try on this story idea! Use different materials you have in the house and outside to represent characters and places in your story. Then have fun MAKING your story with these found materials! This will ensure an eventful and fun summer filled with StoryMaking and help your little one continue to grow as a maker, storyteller, artist, and writer!

Sincerely,

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