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Dear Parents,

This week was dedicated to the "Heart Shape" to get ready for Valentine's Day. Heart, the symbol of love and friendship is well known by the children: everyone is getting along and friendship is blooming, especially when it's time for mischief!!

For Art, the children decorated a paper bag coloring with purple and red crayons and decorated it with heart-shaped stickers. They made Valentine's cards gluing heart papers and making handprints.

During Circle Time, we sang "I Love You, You Love Me", "Will You Be My Valentine?" and "If You Love Me and You Know It".

On Tuesday, Ms. Clarice brought a new musical instrument: a drum shaped as a lollipop - kudos to our little ones who did not try to lick it, it was so tempting!. They enjoyed playing with it using a mallet accompanying Ms. Clarice who was singing the song "Lollipop".

The weather is yo-yoing and the children are getting a cold: Thank you for keeping your child home when he or she is sick, you prevent the spreading of diseases and we are grateful.

REMINDER: On Monday, we will exchange our Valentine's cards, please remember that candy or chocolates are not allowed (fruits gummies, goldfish, or animal crackers are OK).

Quote of the week: Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart. \_Eleanor Roosevelt

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Murielle, Mrs. Zamira, & Ms. Lauren

Parents' tip: Around the House

Your toddler will likely want to be by your side most of the time they're awake. It's important to let them get involved in some of the activities you're doing.

While it may be easier and quicker to do everything yourself, allowing your toddler to help in even the smallest ways can keep them active and teach important skills. You can tell them to throw a napkin in the trash for you or allow them to use their toy broom to sweep alongside you.

Chores for toddlers will mostly consist of picking up toys, putting dirty clothes in a hamper, or putting books back on the shelf. Your little one will likely be interested in helping you do chores too. Allow an older toddler to assist you in wiping up messes, caring for pets, and making the bed.

Talking to your little one is key to helping them develop better language skills. Use descriptive words in your conversation that describe the color or size of objects. You might even narrate what they're doing by saying things like, "You are building with blocks. You knocked the blocks over."

The best way to spend time with your toddler is to get down on the floor alongside them in a child-friendly space—but follow their lead. If they are playing with a doll, play with them.

Just don't be too concerned about whether they're doing things "the right way." In a toddler's imaginative play, it's OK for bathtubs to be on the roof of the house and it's fine for cars to talk.