October 28, 2011

Dear Parents,

Our unit ‘Let’s be Friends’ has come to an end and we have started the next one, entitled ‘Imagination Gone Wild’. The central idea for our new unit is: Imagination is a powerful tool for extendingour ability to think, create and express ourselves. To start the unit, we talked about what imagination is and what we use imagination for. We had a brainstorming session and the students came up with some pretty great examples of where we see imagination used. You may check out our mind-map online at acadekinders.weebly.com or in the classroom!

During the unit, the students will:

* explore the arts and dramatic play
* play in the classrooms ‘Centre de l’imaginaire’ where puppets, costumes, blankets, boxes and other materials will be available
* brainstorm ideas with the intention of finding creative uses for common objects
* engage in imaginative problem solving
* engage in discussion about imagination, its uses, its importance
* discuss inventions
* put on an art show with the imaginative pieces they created
* use Kidspiration, a computer software, to invent stories
* go on a field trip to the National Art Gallery

We could use your help by collecting milk cartons, empty boxes and any interesting odds and ends that we will use to create our art pieces.

As with the previous unit, we continue to use Défi Mathématique and Math Their Way to develop the fundamental math concepts. Raconte moi l’alphabet will continue to be used for French sounds and alphabet development along with language games. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these subjects, please don’t hesitate to email me at mme.nora.acadecap@gmail.com

Thank you,

Mme Nora

I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living, it's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I do, and that enables you to laugh at life's realities.
**Dr. Seuss**