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Moments of Happy

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The other day Elizabeth was unpacking a box of materials to be used in movement and a 4/5s class walked by. One of the students stopped and said, "Are those *RUBBER DUCKIES*?". Elizabeth responded that they were indeed rubber ducks to be used later in the year. The student then said, "I've got eyes for duckies." and walked away.



Melanie Bryon
Lower School Learning Specialist



maggie and milly an molly and may by e.e. cummings

maggie and milly and molly and may

went down to the beach(to play one day)

and maggie discovered a shell that sang

so sweetly she couldn't remember her troubles,and

milly befriended a stranded star

whose rays five languid fingers were;

and molly was chased by a horrible thing

which raced sideways while blowing bubbles:and

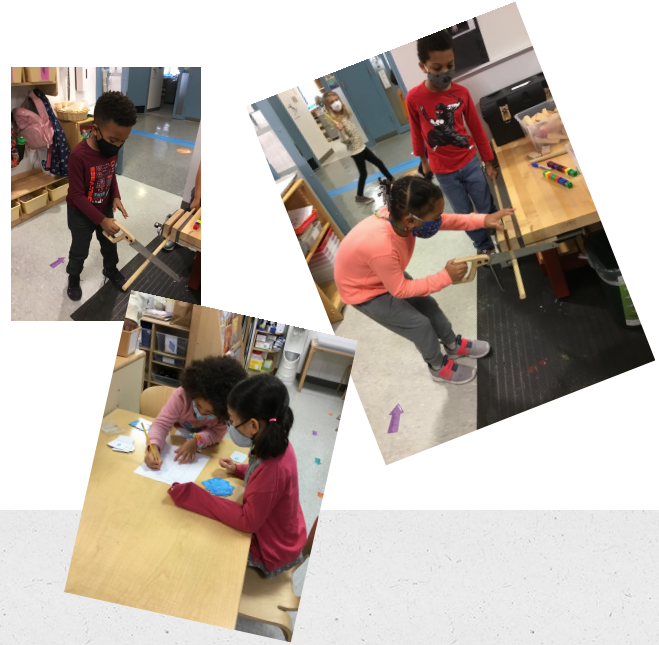
may came home with a smooth round stone

as small as a world and as large as alone.

For whatever we lose(like a you or a me)

it's always ourselves we find in the sea

Last Friday before dismissal, while I was walking down the hall to go to the copy machine on the 3rd floor, it was wonderful!!! to hear the live, joyful sounds of the children, singing, dancing and working on their woodshop projects in their classrooms. Ah yes, just wonderful.



Kecia Isles
Administrative Assistant



I teach siblings. One child in 7/8s and another in 5/6s. It is super cute how the child in 5/6s always comes to her brother's class when I'm teaching him. She says "Hi Khawissa (Kharissa)!!! It makes my day each time. Now the brother does it when I'm teaching his sister. It is so cute and makes me smile every time.
(I teach them via Zoom.)

Kharissa Kenner
Children's Librarian

This week in Yoga class, when we were doing our Feel Good Thoughts at the end of class (I am smart, I am Kind, I am strong), I asked the kids to think about what their "I ams" might be and to share if they wanted to. One of the 6/7s shared "**I believe I can do anything I set my mind to**"

It was a very happy moment for me to hear that student felt that way about themself. It brought a smile to my face and a feeling of pure joy.



Tal Aronson
P.E./Movement Teacher Lower School

Elizabeth Jarvis has been joining Team 201 in the midday, and has read a few books already during lunch. Wednesday, Oct 7, she was reading *Bark, George!* and during the funny parts, children were cracking up. One student right in front of Elizabeth was laughing so hard that she got hiccups. She couldn't stop laughing, but was trying to talk/narrate what she was seeing, so the hiccups were BIG!

My cheeks were hurting!





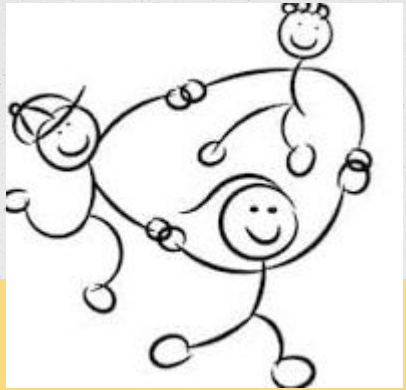
Angie Pflanz
Head Teacher 3/4s SFC

A 4/5s friends said, that he wants to be famous because famous people get $100!!



Emma Butensky
Bank Street School for Children, 4/5s
Associate Teacher

During a transition from worktime to a teacher-directed activity, Manny and I were still cleaning up some remnants from materials (paint, brushes, etc). The cleanup music was still on, a song by Bill Withers, and kids began dancing together in the meeting area. One child, who tends to be a loner and is very quiet, was off to the side just watching but seeming as if they wanted to join in. Most of the kids just kept dancing and began doing a group ring-around-the-Rosie. It got so big that it became the whole group minus the one child who was still watching all of this. As the group turned and danced, one child let go of one their partners' hands and held the observer's hand and they joined in. It now became the entire class Rosie'ing together, as Bill Withers sang "Lovely Day" in the background. That is how our cleanup and week ended, right on cue.



Jessica Freeman-Jeffries
Head Teacher 5/6s

One of my 4/5s students said, "Teacher Emma, you look beautiful in that dress!"



Emma Butensky
Bank Street School for Children, 4/5s Associate Teacher

Alexa’s Daughters apple picking!



Alexa J. Shore
Director of Growth & Strategy
Bank Street Education Center

I wish to celebrate how many kids are participating in our after-school music program. I worked quite hard over the summer to establish it but I was concerned that kids would not be up for zooms after a long day at school. I'm pleased to say that we currently have over 90 kids involved in some sort of music activity, and many kids who are involved in multiple musical activities, And registrations are still coming in!



Erika Blumberg
Upper School Music Teacher/Music Team Leader/Extracurricular music coordinator



Child: "I'm going to be a designer."
Me: "What will you design?"
Child: "Clothes! Fancy clothes. They're going to be so fancy they're like, 'Ooo-la-la!'"



EMILY LINSAY Lower School Division Head



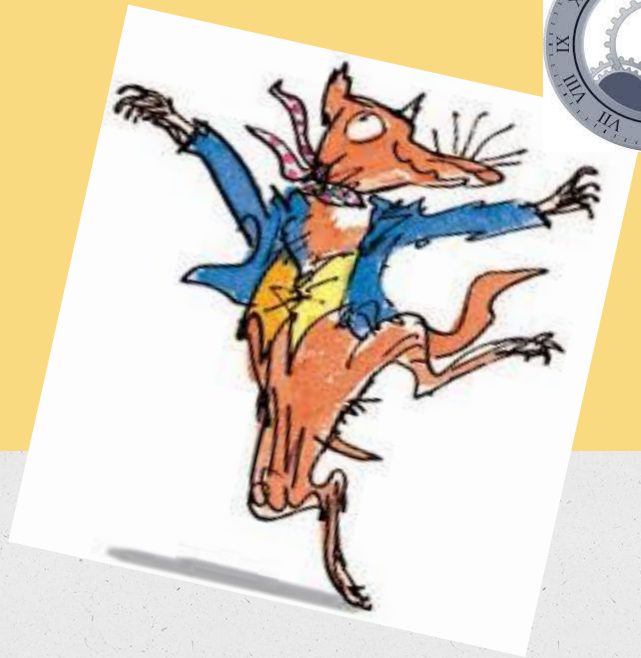


love my family!

Regina Wright

Executive Administrator to the President/ Special Projects Coordinator

A child in my group is typically very, very quiet. She watches and plays and nods or shakes her head as she makes her way amongst us. Lately, we've been playing Mr. Fox on deck, which she always joins. She's usually a chicken, and slips her hand into a teacher's hand as we take big steps toward the Fox. Last week, **she decided to be the Fox**. Every time we called to her, "What time is it, Mr. Fox?" she **held up silent fingers** to show us. Five, and we took five steps forward. Three, and we took three steps forward. One, and we took one step forward. Getting closer and closer to her. Then, "What time is it, Mr. Fox?" And **she looks at us and says mightily, "Midnight!"** We chickens all scatter away at her thrilling, loud word.







ANNE TOBIAS
4/5s teacher



Last week, two of the 10/11s were debating the merits of "being mature." They said it was definitely worth being mature when it was for getting their parents to let them do something like walk to school by themselves, or get a phone. But otherwise, "**like 99% of the time**" in their words, it's just not worth it and their plan is to stay immature!



BECKY EISENBERG
10/11s Teacher



Shared by: Deb Vilas
Faculty Advisor & Instructor

During quarantine, my partner and I adopted a Deaf dog named Rainbow! She is the absolute sweetest little girl and has been bringing me such joy during these times.



Rainbow

Sari Stifelman
Development Manager
Development & Alumni
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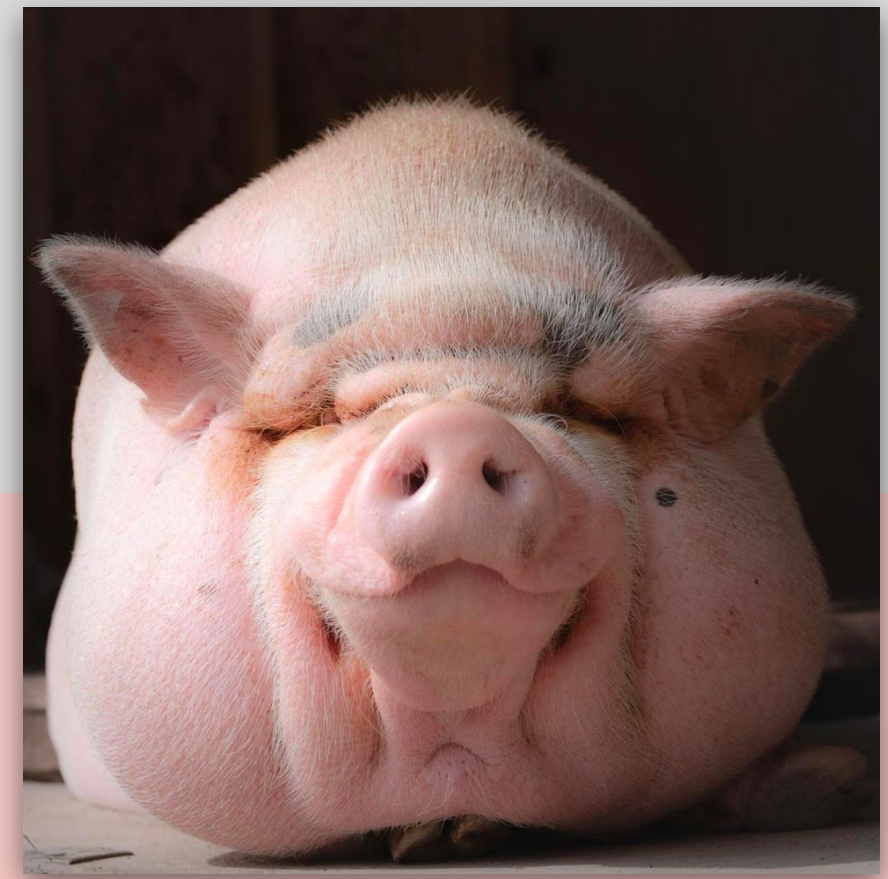

Someone introduced me to this animal sanctuary account on instagram called Arthur's Acres Sanctuary. They rescue pigs that have been abused, exploited, or otherwise discarded, and at some point during quarantine they rescued Morty. He is so cute and every time he shows up on the feed, I smile.

PS - he LOVES to sleep in a tractor. I can't.

Maggie Cely
Senior Grants Development Officer

Even the pumpkins!!



Deb Vilas
Faculty Advisor &
Instructor



Last week one of my 6/7s learned I GET PAID to use markers and draw on the white board, so "being a teacher is definitely" for them!



Susie Rios, SFC
6/7s Head Teacher



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