

Amazing Mouse Parent Letter

Welcome families to the interactive world of Amazing Mouse. Your child's teacher will be reading the book in the class room and wants to provide you with some ideas for continuing the learning at home.

The story tells of how a little mouse learns about kindness. He begins his journey as an outsider, the only mouse in a school filled with children. To make matters worse, he has a funny name. Even though he has a bit of a hill to climb, his courage and irresistible kindness eventually transforms the hearts of everyone in the school. Teachers will have the opportunity to expand on the book by noticing when children model the social skill they have read about. Your child may bring home a Celebration Card sharing with you what the teacher saw them doing. They might also bring home Amazing Mouse himself, with a home extension project of writing or drawing pictures about the positive, kind things Amazing Mouse and your family do together. This can be returned to the teacher or shared with classmates.

Other ways to connect the learning from school to home is to ask your child to tell you about different parts of the book:

“What happened in the beginning of the book?”

“What happened next?”

“Where do you think Amazing Mouse will go next?”

Share times with your children when someone has been kind to you, when you've been kind to others or when you see someone being kind.

Stories like this encourage children to pay attention to their own behaviors and actions.

Social skills become meaningful through stories like Amazing Mouse, where children are encouraged to talk about what they learn, use the skill themselves and recognize it in others.

In addition, our classroom has a companion teaching tool called, “Mouse Tags,” a customized deck of cards that offers 56 different ways of modeling and sharing 10 important social values: gratitude, compassion, loyalty, respect, forgiveness, courage, humor, helpfulness, listening and creativity. Skills that are vital to a successful and happy life. Research shows us that Impulse control plays a pivotal role in children's long term development. Being ready for school is about much more than academic basics like knowing letters and numbers; It's about being creative, resilient, confident and kind (important when trying to get along with other children.)

*Have fun with your child as they follow
the Adventures of Amazing Mouse!!*

