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#### **Observations**

COVID-19 has certainly taken its toll on all of us. We have had to give up so much but most importantly the human connection. At school the teachers and I have been observing the children and noticed differences in how they are interacting with each other. For instance, the children want to work together rather than on their own. In the past they would choose their special friend to work with but now they will work with just about anyone. I see them from my office, going up to another child and asking, "Do you want to work on the metal insets with me?" And then they walk together to get the material from the shelf and working individually but together on a table, complete their cycle of activity. This is new. They are interacting /talking to/working/playing with a wider variety of friends than

before. The need for social interaction is very important to them and they are consciously seeking it.

They now like to walk into school with one of their classmates and sometimes will call across the parking lot and ask a friend to wait for them so they can walk in together.

They also have a need to interact with their teachers more than before – whether it is to get a lesson or simply talk about something going on in their lives. They have a need to engage in more conversations. We see this during lunch as well. They are happy to chat with whoever they are next to and laugh and be happy. Before they used to fight about who was going to sit next to them on the lunch table.

We find there is less pettiness...more tolerance and harmony...acceptance...and lots of joy. The teachers and I of course are blessed to be in their company but I am also hoping that what we are seeing in our little classrooms is what the world will begin to see as we come out of this pandemic.

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#### **DONUTS with DAD**

Unfortunately, we have to cancel this event due to COVID 19 safety protocols imposed by the State.

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#### **March 2021**

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March 29 -April 2<sup>nd</sup> SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL – APRIL 6th

Finding ways to work together....

