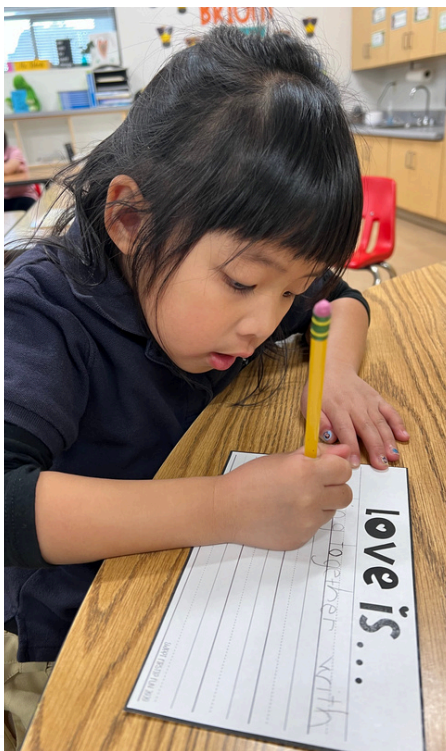


SENTENCE STRUCTURE WITH TK

In our Transitional Kindergarten (TK) class, we continue our exciting journey of learning about sentence structure and how to build meaningful sentences. We have been focusing on the essential components of a complete sentence: a noun, which tells us who or what the sentence is about, and a verb, which describes what the subject is doing. Additionally, we are emphasizing the importance of proper punctuation to ensure our sentences make sense and convey our thoughts clearly.

This month, we embarked on a heartwarming writing project by attaching emotions to our writing, and this week's focus was on the emotion "love." With Valentine's Day just around the corner, it was the perfect opportunity to reflect on the meaning of love and explore the concept through our writing and creativity.

We began the project by discussing what love means to each of us, and how we experience love in our daily lives. A key part of our discussion revolved around Jesus' love for us all, reinforcing the values of kindness, compassion, and care. Each student shared their unique perspective on love, ranging from the love they feel for their family and pets to the joy of helping friends and being kind to others.



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After our discussion, students were encouraged to draw a picture representing their understanding of love. These drawings provided a visual representation of their thoughts and feelings, helping them connect their ideas with their writing.

When it was time to structure our sentences, we followed our foundational writing skills by:

- Starting with an uppercase letter to signify the beginning of our sentence.
- Using finger spaces between words to ensure clarity and readability.
- Following the lines to guide proper letter sizing and formation.
- Ending with proper punctuation, reinforcing the concept that sentences should conclude with a period, question mark, or exclamation point as appropriate.

After completing our writing, students carefully cut out their work, glued the pieces together, and assembled them into a final project that beautifully displayed their understanding of love.

Strengthening Core Skills

Throughout this project, our students developed and strengthened several core skills:

- **Creativity:** Students expressed their thoughts artistically and through storytelling.
- **Critical Thinking:** They considered and organized their ideas about love logically.
- **Curiosity:** Exploring love encouraged them to ask questions and learn more about emotions and relationships.
- **Character Development:** Through our discussions on love and Jesus' teachings, students learned valuable lessons about kindness, empathy, and gratitude.

Presenting with Confidence

To complete our project, students presented their work to the class, which was a wonderful opportunity to practice public speaking skills. They confidently shared their sentences and drawings, gaining experience in speaking clearly and expressing their ideas in front of their peers.

As we continue our sentence-building journey, we are excited to explore more emotions and themes, further strengthening our writing skills and understanding of the world around us. This special Valentine's-themed project was a beautiful reminder of the power of love and the importance of expressing it in our words and actions.
