I enjoyed talking with you during our parent-teacher conferences. Two-way communication between home and school is a key factor in your child's school success. Communicating with you helps me become a better teacher and more responsive to each of my students' needs. I learned more about your child and also got some ideas, resources, and knowledge about the community from you. Thanks! If you haven't already signed up for a conference and would like to, you can email me at erin.duncan@tusd1.org or see me face-to-face to set up a conference.

In the spirit of building community, I'd like to tell you about an event coming up next month. On October 29 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, Miles is hosting "Miles Meet Yourself" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria and courtyard. It's an opportunity for families to share something about themselves, to learn about other families and cultures, and to eat some good food.

In RED room classroom news, we are wrapping up our study of dragons. We build curriculum with our students. When many children showed interest in the grasshoppers, grubs, and caterpillars they found on our playground and in our garden, we decided to study insects. This topic will expose students to key life science content (life cycle, habitat, what insects need to live, characteristics of insects). They will also understand unifying concepts in science. For example, understanding how insects, plants, and animals, and humans depend on each other for survival within an ecosystem will allow children to understand other systems such as the solar system or the circulatory system.

Check our preschool website to see photo documentations of what we've been learning. To access our website: Type "Miles ELC" into your search engine, then click "Miles Exploratory Learning Center"


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