



## Classroom Connections Connecting Home and School

Classroom # 3

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Week of: 10/21- 10/25/19

Our Current Exploration: Bread

**Daily Questions of the week to discuss at home:** Can bread be sweet? Can flour be made with wheat? (oats, rice potatoes), What can you put in bread dough? Which bread stays fresh longer? Which hat is the best to wear while baking?

**What we learned this week:** This week we reviewed and discussed how bread is made. We learned that yeast is an ingredient in bread that helps the dough rise. We conducted an experiment to see just that. We mixed one tablespoon sugar into one cup warm water, then added one package of yeast. We will be observing and documenting our results as we see changes occur. In addition to our yeast experiment, we created our own recipes. By looking at different recipes from cookbooks, we discovered that many baking recipes are similar. They use ingredients such as flour, butter, salt or even sugar. We decided to create our own and made a cookbook for our Dramatic Play area. With visual models, the children wrote out the recipes to practice their writing skills.

**Second Step:** This week we discussed Identifying Feelings ( happy and sad ). We learned that you can look at a person's face and body for clues to help you tell how they feel.

### Skills we learned this week:

- **Observing** - We observed what happens when different ingredients are mixed together with yeast.
- **Writing and documenting** - As the ingredients from our experiment began to change, we wrote down and drew what we observed occurring.
- **Researching** - We researched what we think will happen when we add yeast to sugar and warm water.

**Essential questions we will explore next week:** What kind of restaurant would you like to visit? What is a menu? How much should our bagels, bread or sandwiches cost? What questions would you as a baker? What do you eat with your bread?

**Things to do together at home:** Remind your child that learning to relax helps you calm down. Belly breaths help when we feel that we need to calm our body.

**Things to bring to school:** If you have any empty baking items, such as an egg carton, or empty box of flour, please send it in to help us enhance our Dramatic Play bakery.

Thank You,

Ms. Heather and Ms. Tamara