

Cross-Age Buddies

Children learn best when they feel connected to their school—when school provides them with a warm and caring social context that we would characterize as “community.” Using cross-age buddy activities, students begin to build a connection to the school community. They are given opportunities to develop caring, trusting friendships across grade levels and this concept of community is experienced, not just idealized. In addition, the children enjoy the activities and can’t wait to visit their new friends!