



south orange country day school

2023/24 Theme Planning

	September	October	November	December	January
Emotional Theme	Building a classroom community	Community Helpers	Accepting what others may need	Saying No, and Being Heard	Correcting our friends
Tom Cat and Tabby Cat Emotional Practice	How do I ask for a turn? How do I join a group?	How do I ask for help?	How do I make space for a friend who needs something more from the group?	How do I say no without being mean or disrespectful?	How do I remind my friends of the rules?
Exploring Jobs	Medical Professionals	Community Helpers	Farmers	Performing Artists	Space Explorers
Animals	Family Pets	Birds, Owls and Bats	Farm Animals	Forest Animals	Arctic Animals
Poem	Lift Every Voice	Bats	Perhaps the World Ends Here	With My Own Two Hands	About Standing (in Kinship)
Environmental Awareness / Science Experiment	Germ Spread	Phases of the Moon	Environmental impact of fashion industry	Trees	Planets



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	February	March	April	May	June
Emotional Theme	Understanding power dynamics	Personal Space	Body Scans	Defining emotions	Preparing for Change
Tommy Cat and Tabby Cat Emotional Practice	My friend says I am not invited to their birthday party, what do I do?	What do I do when I'm not ready to share but my friends think I am not being nice?	What do I do when someone hurts my feelings?	I think I hurt my friend's feelings. How do I say I am sorry?	I will miss my friends and my classroom community.
Exploring Jobs	Postal Delivery	Musicians	Engineers	Archeologist	Tourism Professionals
Animal	Groundhog / Rodents	Mythical Creatures	Pollinators and Decomposers	Reptiles / Dinosaurs	Amphibians
Poem	The Voice	Peace is this Moment	Earth Day	Whenever you see a Tree	We Remember Them
Environmental Awareness / Science Experiment	Color	Sink or Float	Earth Day and the impact of reduce/reuse vs. recycle	Water Pollution	Simple Machines