

## September Shenanigans

September in Wisconsin means school is in session and with that KinsKlub begins our four days a week after-school programming. Our new van is being used to help fill the Kinship house with boisterous, studious Kinskids who may have a few shenanigans in mind as well. We love having the van to help facilitate an enriching environment for the Kinskids.

Monday and Wednesday we raise the roof with noise from our Kindergarten to 5th grade Kinskids. Their quiet voices are all used up sometimes by the time they get to the Kinship house. We have been busy exploring the colors and sights of fall. We have leaves falling in our windows and collaboratively we've created leaf tessellations. One of our Kinskids was very sad to realize blue wasn't typically thought of as a fall leaf color. If anyone comes across a blue leaf out in the wild, please be sure to share it with us!

Our older kids are off to a great start this school year on Tuesdays after school with our study and tutoring night schedule. They get additional academic support from our tutors and mentoring on study habits. Occasionally some organizational assistance is needed to help keep them on track. Our first Thursday KinsKlub had us kicking off the school year with a great field trip to Samuel Pressure. One mom reported that her son talked for two days afterwards about various things he saw and learned about on the trip. Again, thanks to the new Kinship van we can take our Kinskids out and about to explore the world.

Both age groups had guest speakers come into the Kinship house this last week as well. First, with our younger Kinskids, we kicked off our regular library visit with Miss Annette from the public library. Miss Annette and I have cooked up a few reading surprises for the future that we think the Kinskids will enjoy. Stay tuned for more on that in the upcoming months. This week we had the opportunity to have a group from Scales Upscaled out of Rhinelander bring in a few reptiles and talk to the Kinskids about them. The kids were thrilled and really enjoyed seeing all the reptiles. This ties in perfectly with our Sylvester needing to hibernate for the winter with the cooler weather soon upon us.

As always, keep a watch on our windows. We love to display our handiwork in the windows and around the house to share with Tomahawk what these Kinskids create and are learning about. If you have any additional ideas for guest speakers, or field trips, please be sure to let me know. There's a whole world out there to share with our Kinskids!