



PANDA POST November, 2017

CLASSROOM NEWS

The Panda class recently explored the many wonders of the fall season as well as briefly touching on Halloween. An apple stand was set up in our Dramatic Play area where the children bought and sold apples, as well as “cooked” and “ate” apple pie.

A “spider’s web” was spread across the sensory table with plastic spiders; this allowed the children to further develop their fine motor skills by pinching the spiders out of the web with either plastic tweezers or their fingers.

The children also enjoyed the pumpkin play dough which they rolled out, cut into pumpkin shapes and even “baked” in the oven.

Another favorite activity was using the apple corer and peeler. Each child chose an apple and was able to see the cause and effect of what happens when you turn the crank; as the apple got closer and closer to the peeler and corer each child observed with delight that their apple came out the other end with no skin or peel!! The children also enjoyed using plastic knives to cut their apples and have them as part of our snack.

Additional activities included spider prints, marble painting, and ghost feet where the children had their feet traced on a piece of paper and added details such as sticker eyes and decorations to their “ghosts”.

We will continue the month of November with our Community Helper Unit, followed by Friends & Family and the Thanksgiving Holiday.

WELCOME MATTHEW!!

We have a new friend in the Panda Class! Matthew recently joined our classroom. We are enjoying getting to know Matthew and playing with him. Welcome Matthew and Family to the Pandas!!

MUSIC with “TEACHER PAT”

Pat Keefe, our WSCP Director visits our classrooms for “Music with Teacher Pat”. She begins each Music Time with us by inviting each child to come up, choose a pick and sing our opening song while strumming her autoharp. Pat brings new songs to the classrooms as well as a variety of instruments that the children can use. It is a time that we all look forward to!! Pat will be doing this throughout the school year, alternating Mondays and Tuesdays to allow all children to participate in what is always a very enjoyable activity.

THANK YOU TO:

... Madison’s Mom, Wendi; Alex’s Mom, Allison; and Nate’s Mom, Anna for reading to our class.

DID YOU KNOW; “PLAY” and CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Play is exploration and an important part in your child’s development. It is one way your child learns about the world, develops social skills and helps with physical, emotional and cognitive growth.

Many children are most comfortable playing side by side with other children, but soon they will begin to notice their friends’ moods and feelings.

Imaginary play is just the beginning. Having a restaurant, pretending to be a teacher or a doctor, or opening up an apple store will help children negotiate with each other, problem solve and learn how to share and play with others.

OUR FAVORITE . . .

Songs/Chants: Do the Monkey
Stirring the Brew
Itsy Bitsy Spider

Books: The Big Pumpkin
Go Away Big Green Monster
Ten Apples Up On Top

Yoga Poses: High Knees,
Low Knees
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