



# Armadillo News October 30, 2020

## **Dates to Remember:**

-Tuesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, school closed in anticipation of a very busy Election Day.

-Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, school closed in celebration of Veteran's Day.

## **Thank you to:**

Brian's family for donating playdough cutters and reusable paper towels to our classroom.

## **REMINDERS:**

-If you choose to send in a treat to celebrate your child's birthday, please send in individually wrapped treats that we can hand out to each child. All treats should be nut free, to ensure the health and safety of our classmates who have allergies.

## **CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS:**

Pumpkin carving was definitely the highlight of our week. After a discussion about what shape to make the eyes and the nose, and what emotion the mouth should depict, we planned and cut the pumpkin, making sure to scrape out the seeds and guts. Each child had their own tray with some of the insides of the pumpkin to smell, touch, squish and eventually separate out the seeds. After washing, soaking and cooking the seeds, we served them during snack and were surprised to find out how many kids really liked them.

## **ACTIVITIES & SKILLS:**

During circle time this week, we read some "spooky" stories and sang some spooky songs while the jack-o-lantern we carved glowed in the background.

The kids cut pumpkins, ghosts and bats out of playdough, drew pumpkin dot-to-dot pictures and did mazes that featured scarecrows and spiders. Some of the children sorted jewels into small pumpkins and cauldrons, while other worked on a jack-o-lantern floor puzzle. We all enjoyed getting into the Halloween spirit, while keeping it playful and not scary at all!

## **FAVORITE STORIES and SONGS:**

- Big Pumpkin by Erica Silverman
- Spookley the Square Pumpkin by Joe Troiano
- The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything by Linda Williams

Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate  
Jack-O- Lantern, Jack-O-Lantern  
Stirring My Brew